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REPRISAL ARRESTS OF JAPANESE DEMANDED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

BRITISH OFFICIAL CIRCLES MAKE NO SECRET OF THE FACT THAT A SERIOUS VIEW IS TAKEN OF THE ARRESTS IN JAPAN OF BRITISH SUBJECTS.

The "Daily Express" calls for reprisal-arrests of a similar number of Japanese in Britain and an embargo on Japanese goods.

Informed British quarters state that the British Government might find it necessary to review its entire Far East policy in the light of current developments, particularly if the new "pin-pricks" indicate a general hardening of Japan's policy towards Britain by the new Kono Government.

Meanwhile, the British press angrily questions the Japanese allegations of espionage and insists that the Japanese immediately substantiate these charges or apologise.—Havas.

**Sir Robert Craigie
Sees Matsuoka**

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

In a conversation yesterday with the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuoka, the British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie, stressed the extremely serious view attached by Britain to the arrest of Britons in Japan.

According to diplomatic circles in London yesterday, Sir Robert told Mr. Matsuoka it was inevitable that serious political significance be attached to the arrests.

Sir Robert also formally stated that the British community in Japan is not engaged in any political activities except efforts to improve Anglo-Japanese relations.

The Ambassador also alluded to the existence of a powerful and active Nazi organisation in Japan whose members are experts in the field of politics and propaganda.—Havas.

**FUGITIVE FROM
HITLER REFUSED
ENTRY INTO JAPAN**

(Special to "China Mail")

The Japanese authorities at Kobe yesterday refused permission to land to Dr. Franz Oppenheimer, 76-year-old authority on social economics, who is passing through from Shanghai on his way to the United States on board the "Nitta Maru." No reason was given.

Dr. Oppenheimer, after fleeing from Nazi Germany, resided for several years in Yokohama and then made Shanghai his headquarters.—Havas.

**LONDON RIDICULES
NAZI REPORT**

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

German reports that the Port of London has been closed as a result of recent German air raids are ridiculed in London. Business is proceeding normally.—Havas.

**CASE OF
CAPTAIN
RAMSEY, M.P.**

The Prime Minister announced yesterday that consideration of the case of Captain Ramsey will be referred to the Committee of Privileges for examination in relation to the Commons.—British Wireless.

**"BRAINS
TRUST"
FOR KONOYE**

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A system of administrative councillors selected from the Government as well as private Japanese circles may be established as a sort of brains trust to help the new Premier, Prince Kono, the "Asahi" reported yesterday.

The scheme is being studied by the planning board and the legislative bureau. The new system would carry out work originally assigned to the planning board which has since become an office concerned more particularly with questions pertaining to national mobilisation.

The administrative councillors would form an advisory body regarding the formulation and enforcement of policies, the "Asahi" concludes.—Havas.

**THERE'S ALWAYS
SILVER LINING!**

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A 30 per cent decrease in sugar consumption in Kwantung is necessary in view of the smaller quota set for the territory this year. Consumption last year was estimated at 250,000 piculs. The quota for 1940 has been fixed at 170,000 piculs. Less sugar will be likely to decrease the number of corpulent persons in Kwantung, writes the "Manchuria Daily News."—Havas.

**CRIME
PREVENTION
IN TIENTSIN**

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE TIENTSIN POLICE AUTHORITIES ARE AGAIN ENFORCING THE OLD MUTUAL GUARANTEE SYSTEM FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRIME IN THE CHINESE CITY, AND A MEETING OF REPRESENTATIVES OF PUBLIC ORGANISATIONS IS SCHEDULED FOR TO-DAY TO DISCUSS THE SCHEME.

The system provides that restricted groups of residents pledge themselves for each other. All are responsible for the maintenance of peace and order and each is responsible for a misdeed committed by another member of the group.

Ten families form one pai, 100 families form a kia, and ten kia form a pao.

The pao are grouped together in a union with an executive committee to which each pao names a delegate.

The committee is presided over by the Chief of Police and sectional police chiefs are committee members.—Havas.

**GREEK STEAMER
"ARRESTED"**

(Special to "China Mail")

The captain and crew of the freighter Valentine (4,713 tons), registered in Greece and chartered by the Yamashita Steamship Company, are being examined by the Yokohama gendarmerie.

They are alleged to have acted in a suspicious manner when cruising off Yokosuka naval station. The vessel is stated to have remained three hours in the vicinity of highly important strategic points.—Havas.

**GOVT. RAISES
PRICE OF OPIUM**

An increase by 20 per cent. in the price of Grade 2 Government prepared opium was gazetted today.

The new prices are \$3 per 2-mace tube and 30 cents per 2-candareen tube, against \$2.40 and 24 cents.

**BATTLE
FOR
BRITAIN
ABOUT TO
BEGIN**

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The French newspaper "Le Temps," published in Vichy, declared yesterday that everything shows that the long announced battle for Britain is about to begin.

The Germans themselves declared over the radio that the start of the push against Britain is now only a matter of days, "perhaps hours."

The operation, says the newspaper, will involve serious risks for Germany.

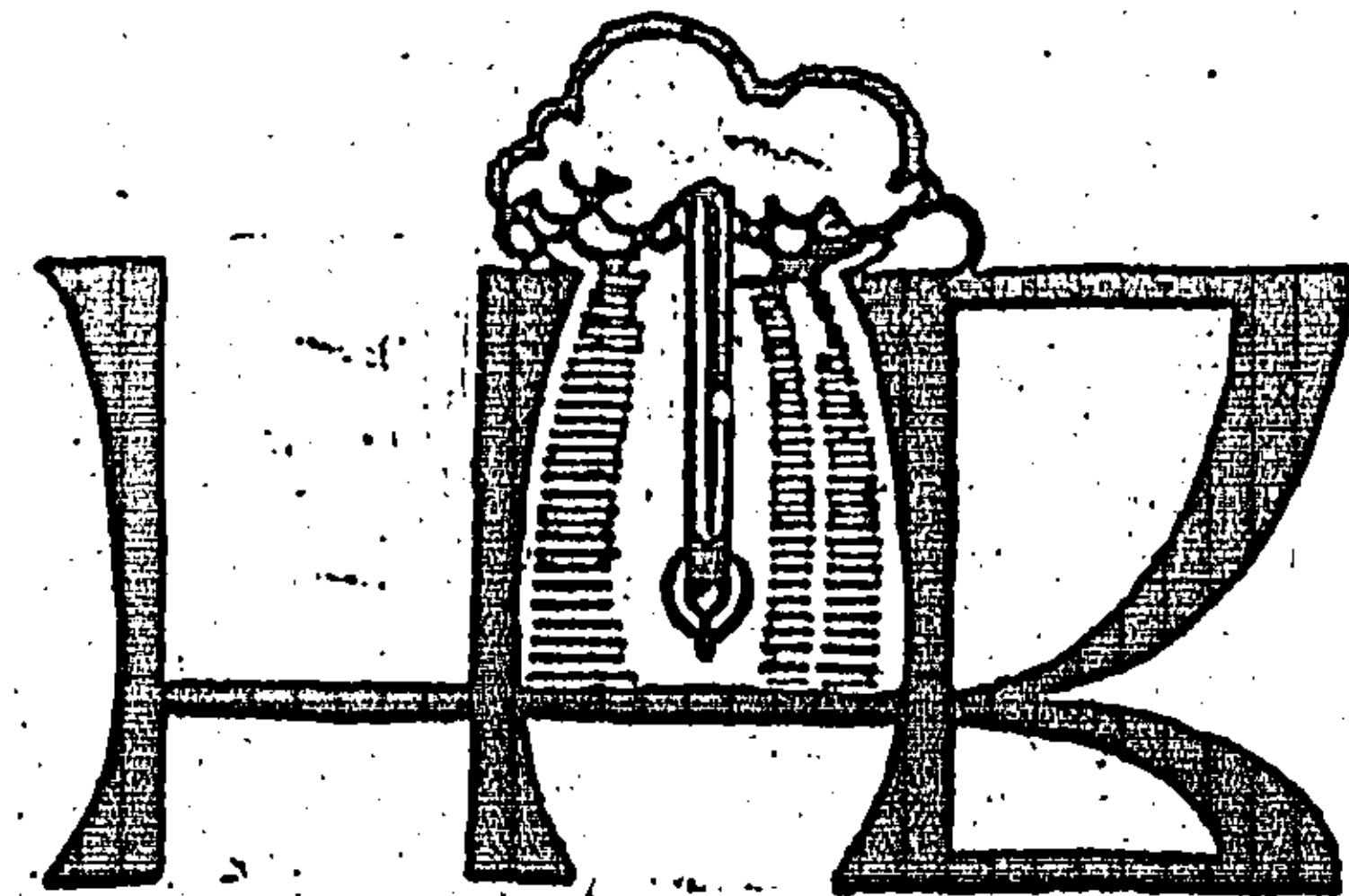
Even if the Nazis succeed it may not mean the end of the war. Meanwhile nothing is more certain than that no compromise is possible at present and that any attempt at mediation, from whatever quarter, has not the slightest chance of success.—Havas.

**CHINESE NOW
THREATENING WUHU**

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The Chinese General Staff in Chungking yesterday reported that Chinese troops have launched a strong attack in the Wuhu region and succeeded in occupying the town of Wuwei, 30 miles from Wuhu.—Havas.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

THE ARMY'S FIRST V.C.S

Infantry Officer And N.C.O. Of The Guards

Holds 1,000 Yards Of Front With Company

THE FIRST ARMY VICTORIA CROSSES AWARDED IN THE PRESENT WAR HAVE BEEN AWARDED TO CAPTAIN HARALD MARCUS ERVINE-ANDREWS, OF THE EAST LANCASHIRE REGIMENT, AND THE LATE LANCE-CORPORAL HARRY NICHOLLS, OF THE GRENADEER GUARDS, IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED LAST NIGHT.

Capt. Ervine-Andrews' award is for most conspicuous gallantry on the night of May 31 and June 1 when he took over about 1,000 yards of defences in front of Dunkirk.

HITLER MAY SHRINK

The New York "Times" said yesterday the effect of the French defeat was to lead everybody to expect the blitzkrieg would at once be turned on England.

With astounding coolness and courage, considering what they have seen across the Channel, the British have prepared for an invasion of their island.

There will be no surprise or panic in any English hamlet if the Germans land tomorrow. But there is also the possibility that Hitler may shrink in the end from sending an expeditionary force to certain decimation.

It would not be strange if the war lord who dictated the armistice terms to France at the scene of the German surrender in 1918, were tempted by the same sense of drama and revenge to do his utmost to conquer Britain by starving her out.

If he yields to this temptation, attempting a blockade before invasion, it will be good news to the British, for this is the kind of war they chose in the first place since it enables them to use to the limit the strongest weapon they possess.—Reuter.

TURKEY'S REJECTION OF NAZI AIMS

GERMAN EFFORTS TO INFLUENCE TURKEY HAVE TAKEN A NEW LINE SINCE THE BRUSQUE REJECTION OF FOREIGN INTERFERENCE BY DR. SAYDAM, THE TURKISH PRIME MINISTER, IN HIS SPEECH IN THE ASSEMBLY ON JULY 12, AND THE SUBSEQUENT DEPARTURE OF VON PAPPEN, THE NAZI AMBASSADOR, FOR BERLIN.

Now, instead of threats to politicians, Nazi agents in Istanbul are concentrating on Turkish business, endeavouring to win them over to the doctrine that Turkey's real interests lie in development of trade with Germany and using the signature of the recent Turco-German trade treaty as a basis.

Circulars discussing this argument have been recently distributed and a number of leading articles have appeared in the Turkish press some of which express fear lest such developments might lead to German trade domination in Turkey.—Repter.

For over ten hours he and his company held the position in the face of intense attacks by vastly superior forces. Reinforcements were unable to reach him when the enemy attacked on both flanks.

Capt. Ervine-Andrews headed a group of volunteers when one of his platoons was in danger and then, going forward, climbed on top of a straw-roofed barn where he personally accounted for 17 of the enemy with a rifle and many more with a Bren gun.

Eight Men Left

After all his ammunition was expended, Capt. Ervine-Andrews collected the remaining eight men of his company from a forward position and when almost completely surrounded, led them back to cover, swimming or wading up to the chin in water for over a mile.

Having brought the remainder of his company safely back, he again took up position.

"Throughout this action Capt. Ervine-Andrews displayed a courage, tenacity and devotion to duty worthy of the highest traditions of the British Army."

Capt. Ervine-Andrews, who is 29, served on the North-West Frontier in 1936/7 and was mentioned in despatches.

Fired Bren Gun From The Hip

L/Cpl. Nicholls continued to lead a section of his platoon although wounded in the arm by shrapnel.

The company was subjected to heavy machinegun fire as they came over a small bridge. Nicholls seized a Bren gun and dashed towards the enemy machineguns.

Firing from the hip he silenced three machineguns although again severely wounded. He then engaged the German infantry, causing many casualties, and firing until his ammunition was expended.

Nicholls was wounded at least four times.

"There is no doubt his gallant action was instrumental in enabling his company to reach the objective and causing the enemy to fall back behind the River Scheldt."

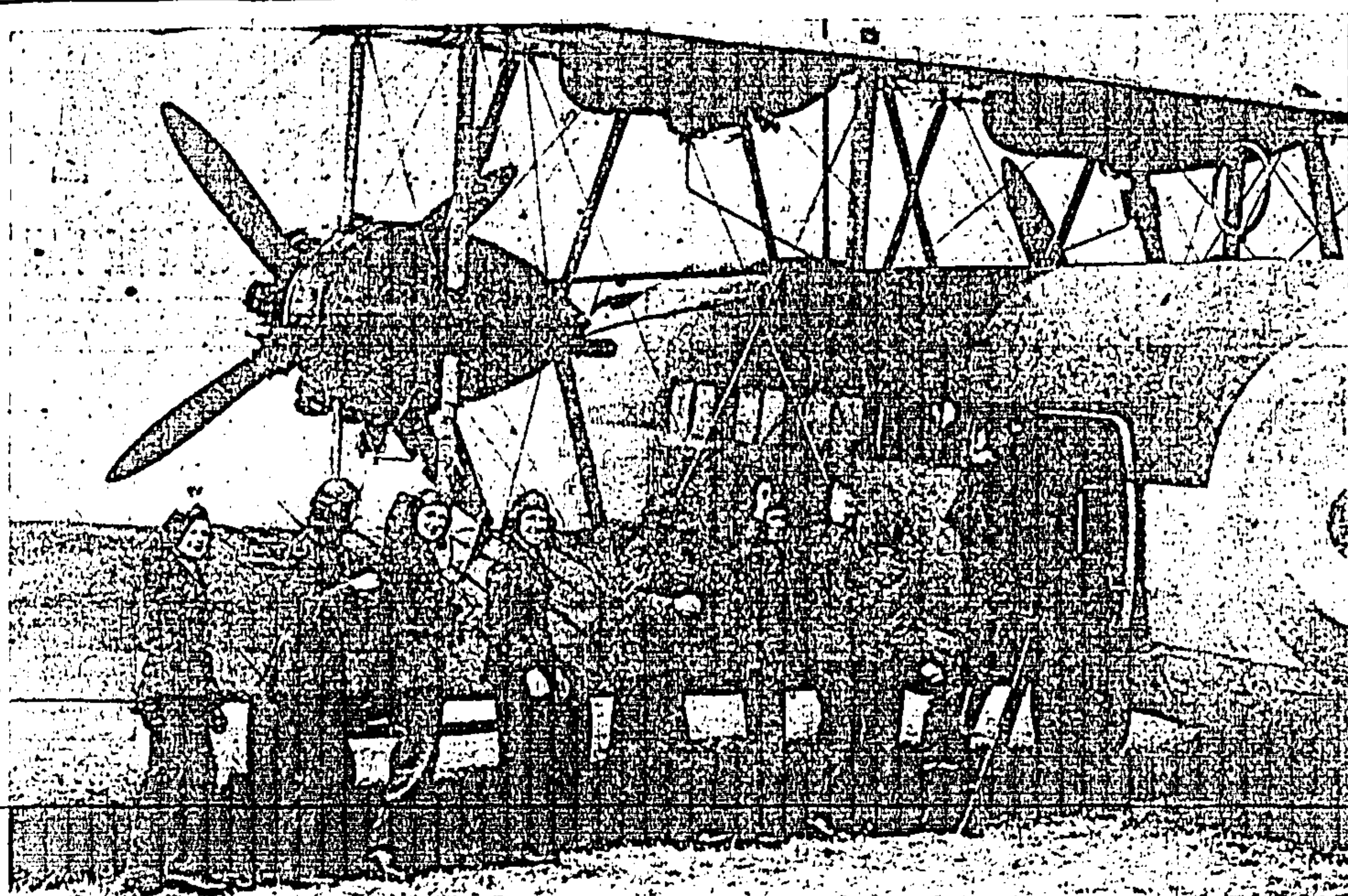
Nicholls since has been reported killed in action.—Reuter.

HAI ALAI BAN FOR JAPANESE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL") Japanese who continue to frequent the hai alai game at the Auditorium in the Italian Concession in Tientsin, despite repeated warnings already issued, will be liable to most severe punishment, the Japanese authorities in Tientsin announced yesterday. The number of Japanese attending hai alai has increased lately.—Havas.

FUND FOR SAILORS

The Governor of Ceylon announces that Colony's first contribution of £1,500 to King George's Fund for Sailors.—Reuter.



THE FLYING CLASSROOM—Thousands of young apprentices are undergoing training at a Royal Air Force station in the Midlands. These boys, who are recruited at the age of 15½ years serve an apprenticeship of three years. Part of their instruction they receive in the air—in a huge 'plane—popularly known to the boys as the "Flying Classroom," thus enabling them to become air-minded. Photo shows some of the young R.A.F. pupils entering the "Flying Classroom." (Copyright, Fox).



Photo shows: Receiving instruction inside the "Flying Classroom." (Copyright, Fox).

MEN WHO MAN THE R.A.F. GUNS

THE WAR HAS BROUGHT TO THE ROYAL AIR FORCE A NEW TYPE OF FIGHTING MAN—OFFICER—AIR-GUNNERS.

THEY ARE THE CRACK SHOTS WHO SIT IN THE TAIL TURRETS OF BRITAIN'S BIG BOMBERS, READY TO FIGHT OFF WITH A BATTERY OF MACHINE GUNS ANY ENEMY AIRCRAFT WHICH MAY ATTACK THEM.

As yet many of them are still under training. But a number of these newly-commissioned gunners are now joining operational squadrons, with the new A.G. badge on their uniforms.

The first batch includes representatives of many professions. At one bombing and gunnery school there is a Canadian who served two years in the North West Mounted Police, and three years in the Royal Canadian Air Force; a master builder; a tobacco planter from Siam; a wireless engineer; an Eton and Oxford race-horse owner; a London newspaper man; a policeman; a Western Australia medical student; a business man who flew sea-planes in the last war and survived five crashes; an instructor in the London Gliding Club.

One of the earliest to join was a well-known M.P.

Although of widely differing types, they have two things in common—they are all used to firearms; and they are men who can be relied on in a tight corner. All are tremendously keen on their job, and share a determination to shoot holes in Nazi aircraft at the earliest possible opportunity.

The average age of the officers under training at this school is 30; some of them are nearly twice that age.

U.S. WAR DEPARTMENT CHANGE

A major change in the war department came as the White House announced the resignation of Assistant War Secretary Louis Johnson, of West Virginia, and the nomination of Judge Robert P. Patterson, of New York, to succeed him.

The latter, whose nomination is subject to senate approval, is a judge of the second federal circuit court of appeals.

Presidential Secretary Stephen Early told newsmen that the appointment of Patterson was requested by the new secretary of war, Henry L. Stimson.—Associated Press.

TRAGEDY OF GREAT ARMY IN SYRIA: BITTER FEELING

THE TRAGEDY of a great colonial army, torn between loyalty to its own Government and to its old ally, is being acted in Syria, cables Reuter's special correspondent on the Palestine-Syria frontier.

Rumours of disturbances, including allegations of Arab nationalist risings in Aleppo, are devoid of truth. The country is at present absolutely quiet though the situation is one of considerable confusion.

A number of Frenchmen, chiefly officers, have crossed the frontier and joined the British forces but large numbers remain in Syria, carrying on their duties normally, though locally-engaged soldiers from Egypt and adjacent territories have been demobilised and sent home.

One of the major problems is that the precarious financial situation of France is being reflected in Syria, where local currency is based on the franc, and this is affecting the entire economy, giving rise to the possibility of inflation.

Meanwhile the rigid censorship is causing confusion and suspicion among the Syrians and French soldiers. All foreign newspapers are banned.

Feeling Hardening

Contrary to reports that General Mittelhauser, the French G.O.C., had crossed into Palestine to join the British, Reuter's correspondent learned he was recalled to Vichy.

After General Mittelhauser's departure his aide-de-camp resigned and flew to Egypt to enlist with the British.

The soldiers are beginning to receive mail and learn for the first time of the hardships their families are enduring at German hands.

This is causing many to become still more bitter and there is a hardening of opinion against the Petain Government.—Reuter.

BLOCKADE SHIFTS FROM THE OCEANS TO QUAYS

PATROL SHIP SHOOTS DOWN BOMBER

An Admiralty communique states information has been received that the patrol vessel Guillemot shot down one German dive-bomber during an attack on that ship on Monday. No damage and no casualties were sustained in Guillemot. —Reuter.

IN THE DISCUSSIONS which preceded yesterday's announcement in London of a step described as transporting contraband operations from the sea to the quays, there was full contact with the United States, writes Reuter's lobby correspondent.

It is believed the Americans will welcome the extension of the navicert system. One of the features of the plan is to allow neutrals approximately two months' supplies required for their domestic purposes.

AXIS TO BE BLOCKADED BY NEW METHODS

MR. HUGH DALTON, Minister of Economic Warfare, continuing his statement in the House of Commons yesterday, said that in the absence of navicerts, ships and cargoes would be liable to seizure by British patrols.

Mr. Dalton added that navicerts would be granted on a scale of imports adequate for neutrals' domestic consumption.

His Majesty's Government had decided they must treat all Metropolitan France, as well as Algeria, Tunisia and French Morocco, in the same degree for purposes of contraband and enemy export control as enemy controlled territory.

These measures would greatly benefit honest neutral trade. At the same time a heavy blow would be struck at those who sought to elude the British control or to carry goods either to or from enemy territory.

Mr. Dalton declared the German armies had succeeded in over-running large parts of western Europe but the overseas imports which they required were still barred from the seas commanded by the Royal Navy.

British Policy

But to apply control at sea in the old way would mean diverting many ships far out of their course to contraband bases in British waters either in this island or in West Africa.

It had been suggested in some quarters that they intended to extend the blockade to certain neutral countries. That was not so.

In addition to granting navicerts, His Majesty's Government would follow a policy not merely to allow adequate supplies for domestic consumption to pass through British controls but to assist neutral countries to obtain them. —Reuter.

LAD PURSUES A SNATCHER

MRS. M. SILVA, WELL-KNOWN HOCKEY PLAYER OF CLUB DE RECREIO RESIDING AT NO. 36, HILLWOOD ROAD, WAS THE VICTIM OF A HAND-BAG SNATCHER IN NATHAN ROAD YESTERDAY.

She raised an alarm and a Portuguese student, Master A. Lopes, of 218, Nathan Road, passing by gave chase and caught the thief with the assistance of an Indian constable.

At Kowloon Magistracy this morning, Kwong Pak-fai, 29, was sentenced to six months' hard labour and 12 strokes by Mr. Q. A. A. Macfadyen.

ECONOMIC WARFARE BY CHINA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

MUCH EFFORT IS BEING DEVOTED IN GOVERNMENT CIRCLES IN CHUNGKING TO THE CONSTITUTION OF A MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC WARFARE, AS GENERAL OPINION AMONG MILITARY AND POLITICAL LEADERS IS THAT IN THE PRESENT FOURTH YEAR OF THE WAR CHINA'S EFFORT MUST BE "70 PER CENT. ECONOMIC AND ONLY 30 PER CENT. MILITARY," AS GENERAL CHIANG KAI-SHEK RECENTLY DECLARED.

One of the most remarkable results brought about by the new policy is shown by Szechuen province.

While three years ago Szechuen had only 30 small power plants with a total capacity of 5,000 kilowatt hours, to-day Chungking alone boasts a government power plant capacity of 12,000 kilowatt hours while privately owned plants have a further 8,000 capacity and the National Resources Commission is building at different points in the province five other powerful plants.

Twelve modern iron and steel furnaces are now operating in Szechuen against none at the beginning of the war. Among plants under construction are one furnace with a capacity of 100 tons and two with a capacity of 25 tons.

Pig-iron production and mechanical industry are also increasing. The output of Government arsenals is being supplemented by production in small privately-owned plants. —Havas.

The Atlantic islands referred to in the announcement are the Azores, Cape Verde and Canaries and neutral ports in North Africa and ports in Spanish Morocco and Tangier.

Despite all the stocks Hitler has seized as the result of his recent victories, there is no doubt in authoritative quarters that he is getting into increasing difficulties regarding certain essential commodities.

It is known he is short of ferrous alloys, that his position is not strong in regard to supplies of copper, tin and fats and that he is short of oil.

Trouble In Months

As regards oil, it is felt that if he uses oil at an increasing rate and if the R.A.F. continue their work on enemy oil supplies and our blockade is effective in the eastern Mediterranean, Hitler will be in very great difficulties in a period not measured in years but months.

Both Portugal and Spain will be closely affected by the announcements.

A special watch will be kept on the importation of oil, especially lubricating oil, of which Spain has been importing recently supplies out of proportion to her current needs. —Reuter.

CHINA'S COASTAL SHIPPING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Decrease in the volume of foreign shipping in China ports accompanied the decline in foreign trade during June.

Ships entered and cleared for abroad in all China ports in June aggregated 2,188,464 tons showing a decline of 61,734 tons compared with May.

Shanghai shipping declined by 88,000 tons while traffic in Gulf of Chilli ports and Tsingtao rose slightly. The decline in British shipping was 21,000 tons, the U.S.A. lost 5,000 and Japan 2,000 tons.

Japan, with a total of 1,185,000 tons, held the leading position with a share of more than 54 per cent of all China's foreign shipping. Britain followed with 350,008 tons and the U.S.A. took third place with 132,096 tons. —Havas.

THEFT FROM CAR

Mr. J. C. Pool, of No. 34, Kennedy Road, has reported the theft of clothing valued at \$127, from his car, No. 3344, parked in Connaught Road Central between 9 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. on Saturday.

ALUMINIUM MEDALS FOR JAPANESE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Twenty thousand Japanese who have rendered eminent service to their country are to be honoured with special medals.

The medals will be made of aluminium and will bear the Imperial crest on one side and the famous Imperial Palace bridge on the other.

The medals will be awarded in a solemn ceremony on the Imperial Palace plaza which will be attended by the Emperor and Empress. —Havas.

POLISH ATTITUDE TO PETAIN

THE POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER, M. ZALESKI, ANNOUNCED IN LONDON YESTERDAY THAT ORDERS HAD BEEN GIVEN TO THE POLISH EMBASSY AND CONSULATES TO RETURN TO TERRITORY OF UNOCCUPIED FRANCE.

He revealed this in a statement on foreign policy in the foreign affairs committee of the Polish National Council in London.

He said: "We Poles for long ages have been friends of the French nation and do not belong to those who forget their friends in distress." —Reuter.

NEW PLAN FOR SHIPPING CONTROL

Replying to questions in the House of Commons yesterday, the Minister of Shipping, Mr. Ronald Cross, said the course of the war had made necessary new measures of control of shipping.

A large volume of shipping was already under British and Allied control and this included a substantial tonnage of neutrals on British time charter.

While the British Government remained prepared to take further tonnage upon charter they proposed other measures to ensure that so far as possible shipping which was not controlled by the Allies would not find employment in trades which would in any way benefit the enemy.

Hitherto widespread and important shipping facilities under British control had been freely available to all vessels but it was not reasonable that these facilities should continue to be freely available to shipowners who did not render a commensurate service in return, or to those who failed to satisfy the British Government that they would refrain from carrying on trade which would be injurious to the Allied war effort.

"Ship's Warrants"

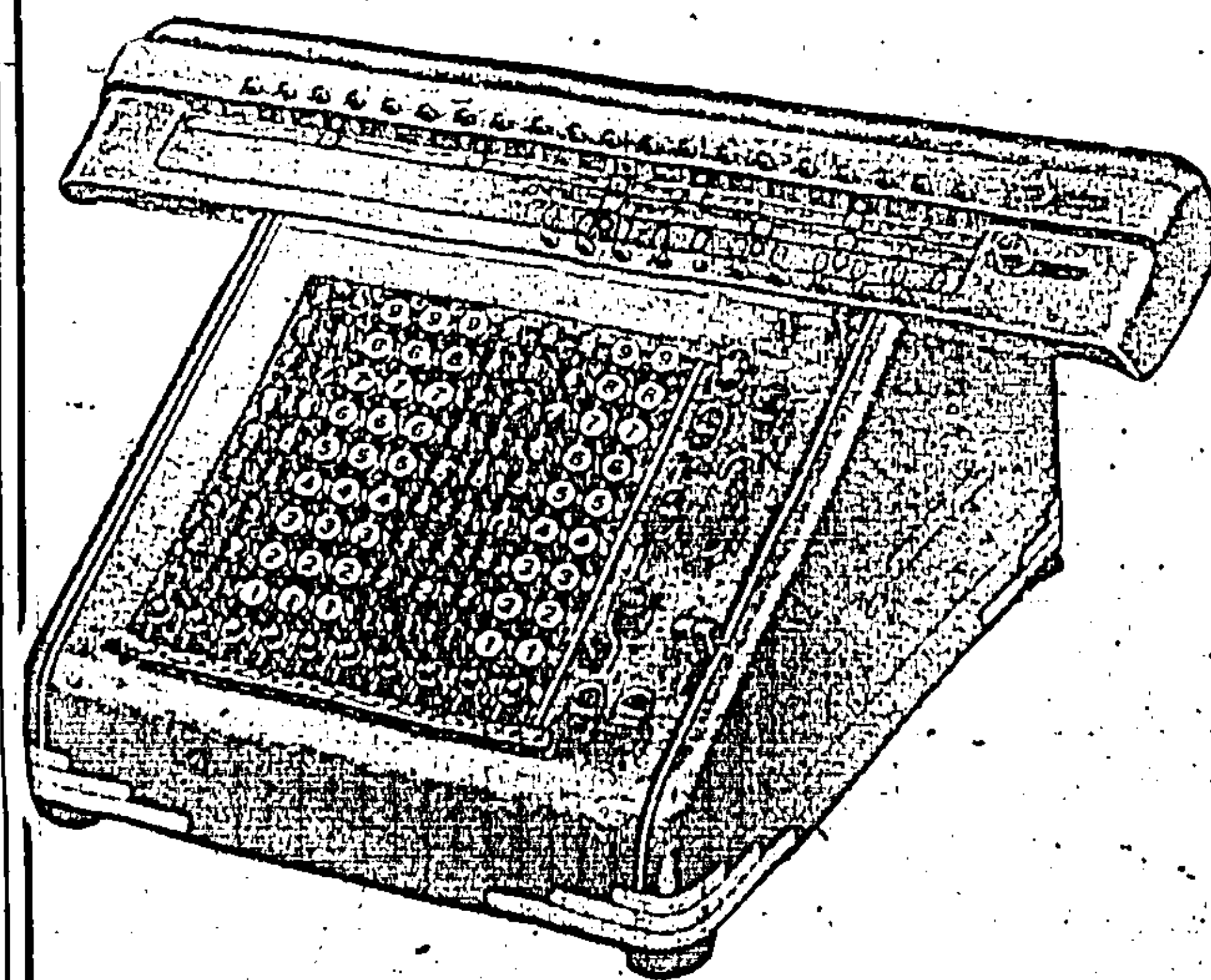
Shipowners who gave acceptable undertakings would receive a pass called a "ship's warrant" which would assure them of contraband access to all available commercial shipping facilities under British control.

Ships unable to produce ship's warrants would be subject to separate enquiries which would at least mean delay and inconvenience.

The scheme, added Mr. Cross, would come into operation forthwith. —Reuter.

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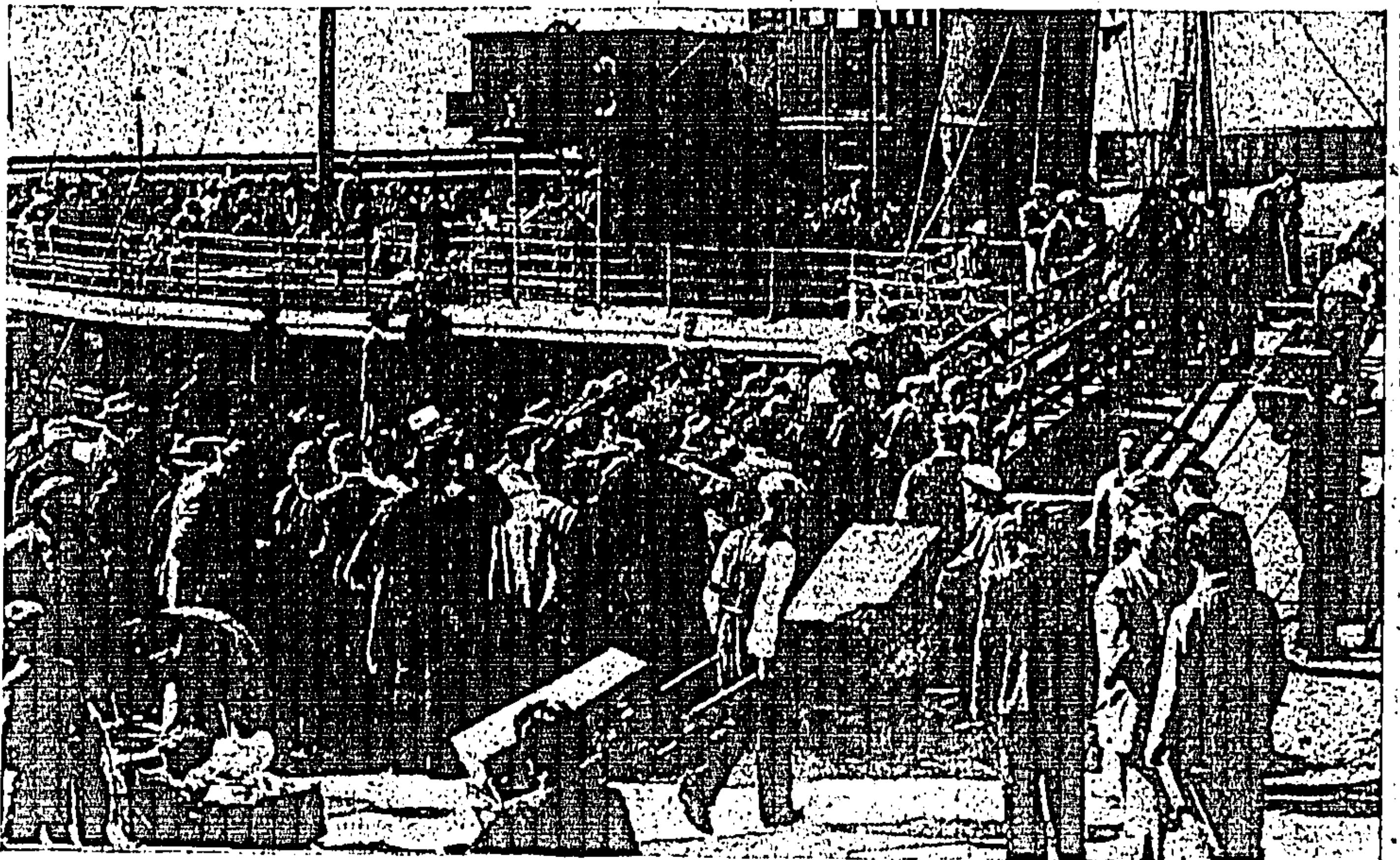
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The United States liner Washington, which left Galway for New York, had on board some 2,000 American passengers from Great Britain, Ireland and the Continent, fleeing from the European war zone. Photo shows a general view showing passengers and luggage going aboard the Washington. (Copyright, Fox).

THE SORT OF THING THAT MAKES US ANXIOUS

EVERYTHING IN THE GARDEN'S LOVELY

THE MILITARY correspondent of the "Yorkshire Post" in an article yesterday summarises the factors in Britain's favour at the present juncture.

Firstly, he says, the German army failed in June to follow up the withdrawal of the B.E.F. when there was a chance.

Secondly, we have now a mighty force in Britain and strong defences.

Thirdly, the R.A.F. has achieved moral superiority.

Fourthly, the blockade is closing the last loopholes of supply.

Fifthly, the enemy power has failed to interrupt Imperial and American sources of supply.

Sixthly, more food and materials are in Britain to-day than ever before, and the Navy sweeps the seas.

Seventhly, Hitler's forces are widely dispersed on a sea line from the Arctic to the Pyrenees.

Eighthly, his vast coast line has not enough ships to protect it or to escort a maritime invasion.

Italy's Position

Ninthly, Italy's position is a burden on Germany, who may have to give material help, especially if Italy is attacked as our main offensive.

Tenthly, Britain controls the Mediterranean and separates Italy from her colonies.

Eleventhly, we are confident of repelling massed air attacks and our fighter planes increase daily.

Twelfthly, we have achieved superiority in bombing attacks.

Thirteenthly, we are united and resolute while Hitler has to face trouble in the conquered lands as well as the Balkans.

Fourteenthly, Russia again cramps German freedom of action. — Reuter.

GOOD BUT STILL BETTER TO COME

THE CANADIAN MINISTER FOR MUNITIONS AND SUPPLY SAID YESTERDAY THAT CANADA IS NOW PRODUCING ABOUT 600 MECHANISED UNITS A DAY AND THAT THIS FIGURE WILL BE INCREASED IN ANOTHER MONTH OR TWO.

Canada's aeroplane factories turned out 25 aircraft last week, and by 1941 the production figure will be 360 a month.

Plans have also been completed for the production of tanks of the Mark III type, which are being turned out at the rate of one a day.

Ship-building in Canada is very satisfactory, he went on, and by the end of the year 28 anti-submarine craft and five modern minesweepers will have been completed.

Canada's production of manufactured goods to-day is the largest in its history, but is small with what it is expected to be in six months' time. — Reuter.

POLICE PROTECTION IN SHANGHAI

Certain British residents of the International Settlement, Shanghai, are being provided with police escorts as a result of the increased Japanese anti-foreign sentiment. — Our Own Correspondent.

JAPANESE SEARCH FRENCH CONCESSION

Several Chinese hotels and boarding houses in the French Concession in Shanghai, were searched by Japanese gendarmes, accompanied by French police, yesterday afternoon.

Ten young Chinese men and women were taken into custody. No charges have yet been preferred against them. — Our Own Correspondent.

Another naval contingent from Newfoundland arrived at an English west coast port yesterday. — Reuter.

INTERNEES GOING TO AUSTRALIA

Some of the aliens interned in Britain are now on their way to Australia.

Captain O. Penke, Under-Secretary of State for Home Affairs, told the House of Commons yesterday that so far Canada is the only Dominion to receive any aliens. The Canadian Government has been sent as much information as possible in order to ensure proper discrimination between prisoners of war and civilians.

Similar information is being sent to Australia.

Captain Penke said that it was hoped to arrange, in consultation with the Dominion Governments, for the return to Britain of those aliens whose release can properly be authorised. — Reuter.

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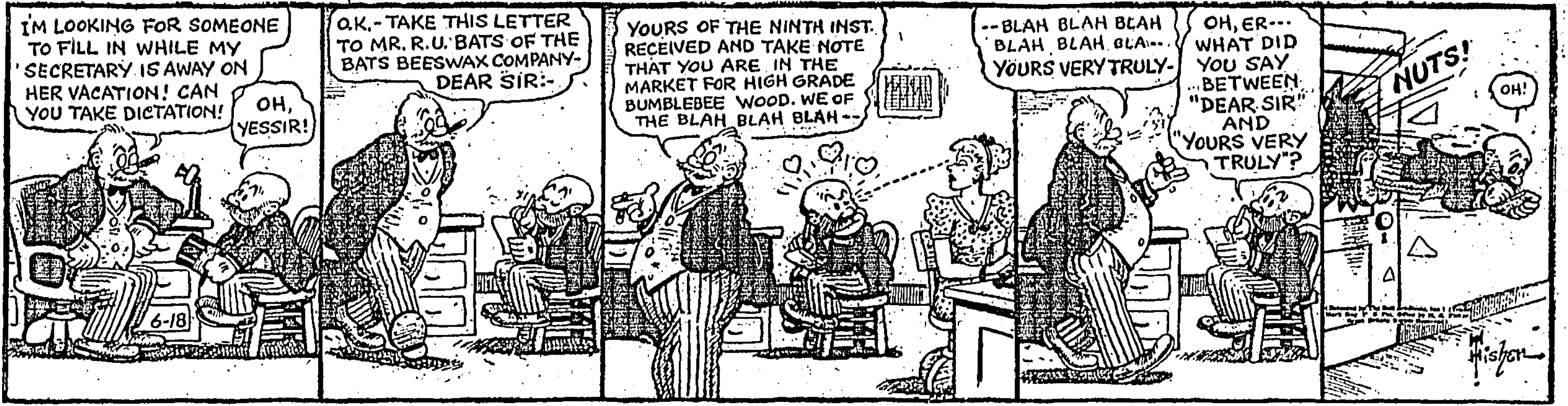
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ONE SHIP
HIT IN RAID
ON DOVER

It is learned that only one ship was struck in Monday's raid on Dover.

It was a tiny vessel and sank after a direct hit. Only one man was on board and he escaped with a few scratches.

Very little damage otherwise was done. —Reuter.

FRENCH TAKE
PART IN AIR RAID

General de Gaulle, leader of Free Frenchmen, issued his second communique in London last night.

It stated: "Our airmen participated in operations carried out last Monday by the R.A.F. over north-west Germany."

"Despite violent opposition from the ground defences the objectives were attacked with success and important results observed. All our airmen returned safely." —Reuter.

JAPANESE ARMY
SCUPPERED
ON HONAN BORDER

THE DIFFICULTIES OF THE JAPANESE FORCES IN HONAN WHO ARE FIGHTING AGAINST LARGE NUMBERS OF CHINESE REGULARS AND MILITIA, ARE DESCRIBED BY TRAVELLERS PASSING THROUGH PEI-PING.

In the recent drive from the Honan-Hupeh border northward in an attempt to entrap the Chinese forces, the Japanese used at least 250,000 men, tanks and aeroplanes, but after months of fighting in which heavy casualties were suffered on both sides little progress has been made, and the major part of the province is still in Chinese hands.

Main reason for this is said to be that the Japanese are unable to put enough men into the field to cope with the hordes of Chinese in Honan—practically every man encountered by the travellers was armed, with high morale and discipline, although their armament was inferior to the Japanese.

The travellers describe terrible scenes of devastation in every city—the Japanese have been systematically bombing all cities in Chinese territory, the majority of which have been virtually levelled to the ground, but this, according to the travellers, is serving to strengthen the morale of the Chinese forces and populace.

Main method of transportation of munitions is by mule cart upon which China, it appears, is now replying. —Reuter.

FORCED LABOUR IN
GERMANY

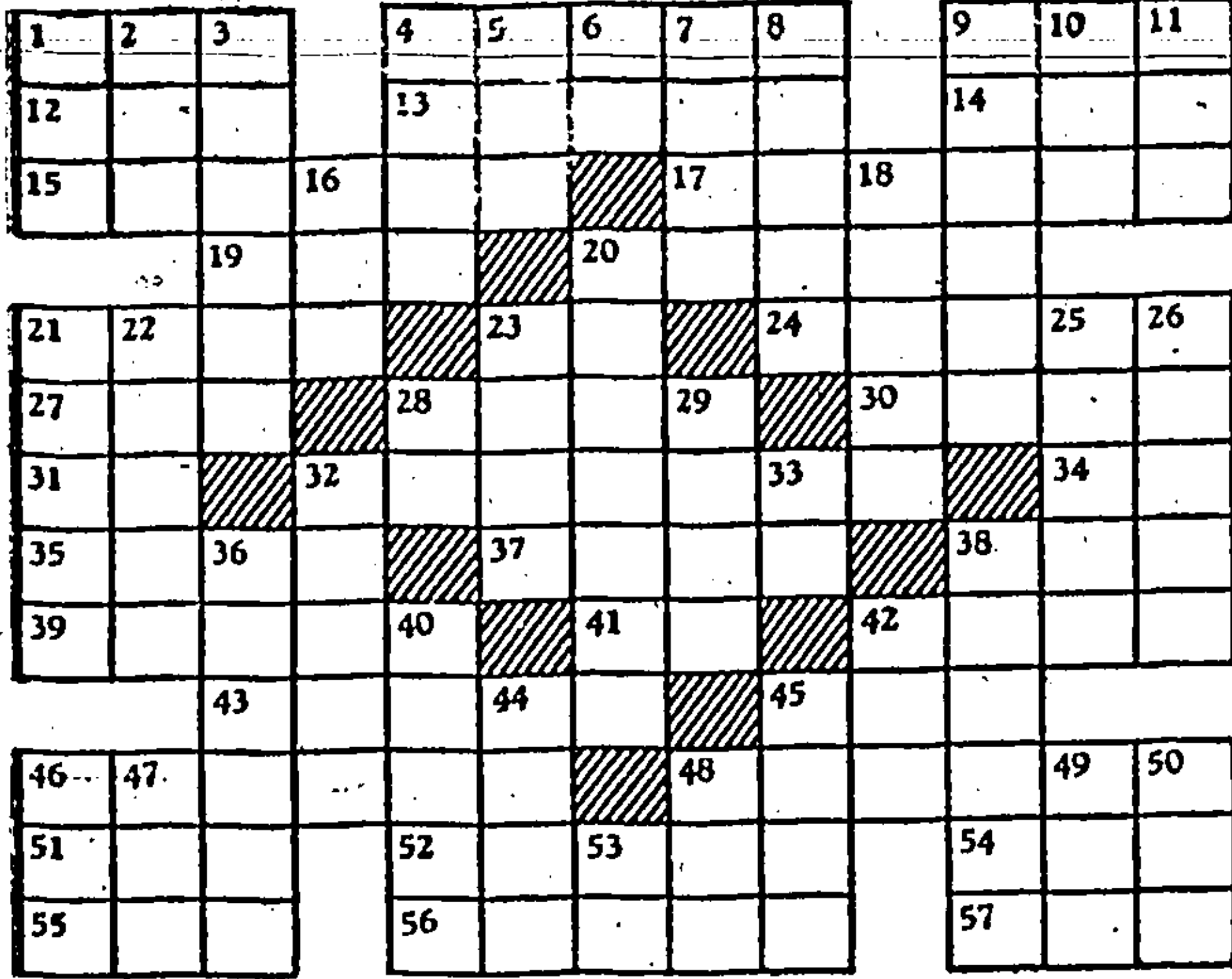
Germany hopes to ensure adequate coal supplies by the use of forced labour.

The official German news agency yesterday announced that employment centres have been ordered to supply at a moment's notice the necessary labour, under the compulsory system.

If required prisoners of war will be used.

Compulsion will also apply to the transport of coal. —Reuter.

OUR 10-MINUTE CROSS-WORD



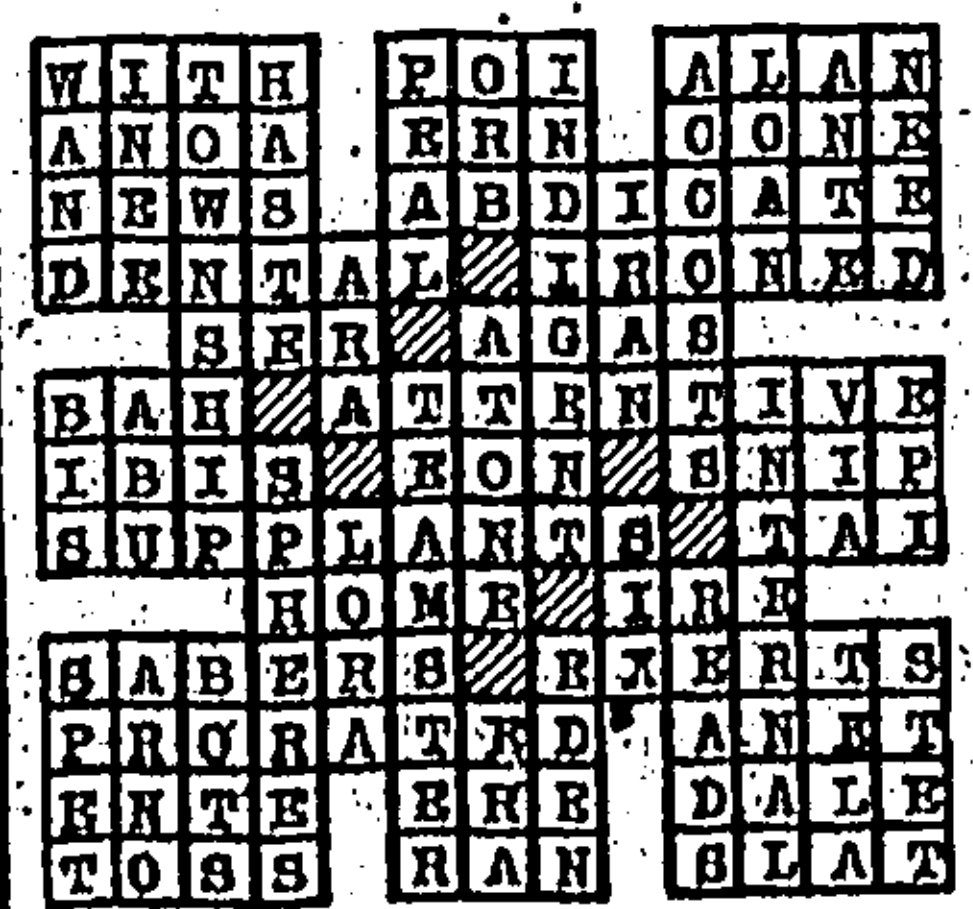
HORIZONTAL

- 1 To be mistaken
- 4 Buckets
- 9 Greek letter
- 12 Born
- 13 Attack
- 14 100,000 rupees
- 15 Condensed body of information
- 17 Untamed
- 19 To perform
- 20 Species of willow
- 21 South African tribesman
- 23 Greek letter
- 24 Awe
- 27 Before
- 28 Essence
- 30 To move
- 31 Prefix: two
- 32 To go over again
- 34 Exclamation of disapproval
- 35 Extraordinary
- 37 Story
- 38 High mountain
- 39 In advance
- 41 Compass point
- 42 Units

VERTICAL

- 1 Conclusion
- 2 Portuguese coin
- 3 To entertain sumptuously
- 4 To mail
- 5 Insect
- 6 Exits
- 7 Minus
- 8 Sedate
- 9 Table wine
- 10 Hideous old woman
- 11 Frozen water
- 16 French coin
- 18 Line of poetry
- 20 To surpass in status
- 21 Striped animal
- 22 Biblical character
- 23 Baseball glove
- 25 Passageway
- 26 Lets fall
- 28 Hebrew letter
- 29 Healthy
- 32 Kingdom
- 33 Symbol for cerium
- 36 To dwell
- 38 Long-haired cat
- 40 College officials
- 42 To lubricate
- 44 Means of egress
- 45 Roster
- 46 Cry of crow
- 47 Falsehood
- 48 Unit of electrical resistance
- 49 To acquire
- 50 Nevertheless
- 53 To leave

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION



KING VISITS
TRAINING
SCHOOLS

The King yesterday visited men from every walk of life who are being trained for engineering and munitions jobs. At a Government training school in the London area, these men from all walks of life are being taught to work as fitters, machine operations, draughtsmen, and so on.

One of the men the King spoke to had been evacuated from Guernsey at half an hour's notice. He used to be a hotel-keeper; he is now being trained as a fitter.

The King was accompanied by Mr. Bevin, Minister of Labour and National Service, who told him that 14,000 civilians are at present being trained in 19 such schools, and that many new schools are now being prepared. —Reuter.

CONTINUOUS RAIN
IN ABYSSINIA

A Cairo communique yesterday said there were no land operations to report on all fronts. Almost continuous rain is reported in most areas on the Abyssinian frontier. —Reuter.

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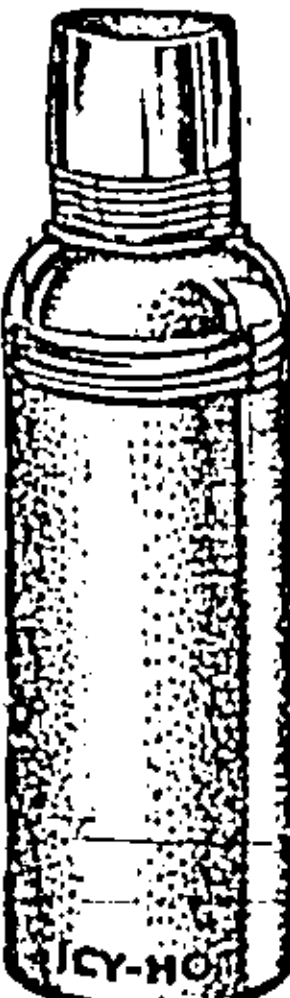
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JAPANESE CABINET DEBATES "BRITISH ESPIONAGE CASE"

A CURIOUS SIDELIGHT IS THROWN ON THE RECENT JAPANESE ACTION IN ARRESTING SEVERAL BRITONS BY THE DISCLOSURE IN LONDON YESTERDAY OF GERMAN ACTIVITIES IN JAPAN, REUTER'S DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT LEARNS.

At the time of the conclusion of the Anti-Comintern Pact a German who was a member of the Gestapo was given a post in the Japanese Home Office.

His influence on the internal affairs of Japan was very considerable and he exercised considerable pressure on the Japanese press.

There is a branch of the Nazi Party in Japan which controls all activities of German residents and in this the Japanese authorities acquiesce.

There has been a considerable increase in the number of German tourists and businessmen in Japan having no particular reason for being in the country.

Death Of Mr. Cox

Meanwhile, a detailed report on the death of Mr. M. J. Cox and on the so-called "British espionage network in Japan" was given at yesterday's Cabinet meeting in Tokyo by the War Minister.

After the meeting the War Minister exchanged views with the Foreign Minister and Navy Minister regarding "pending diplomatic issues."

Then Mr. Matsuoka, the Foreign Minister, saw Prince Konoye, the Premier, and they discussed what diplomatic action could be taken in regard to the "British espionage case." A round-up of alleged foreign spies is reported from Kurume in Kyushu, and Keijo, in Korea.—Reuter.

Lord Halifax Makes Statement

In a statement in the House of Lords yesterday on the arrest of British subjects in Japan, the Foreign Secretary, who had in the morning received the Japanese Ambassador in London, said it was hardly necessary to state there was no foundation whatsoever for the allegation by the Japanese Government implicit in the joint announcement of the Ministries of War and Justice connecting the arrests with "the increasing activities of foreign organs of espionage and conspiracy" in Japan.

Lord Halifax went on to refer to the further Japanese announcement on the circumstances of the death of Mr. Melville Cox, Reuter's correspondent in Tokyo.

Totally Unwarranted

The announcement states that in the light of the note addressed to his wife which was discovered on his person, "it seems that with the progress of the investigation deceased became aware of the fact he could not escape conviction."

The British Government are unable to accept this totally unwarranted assumption of guilt.

Strong representations have already been made by the British Ambassador at Tokyo to the Japanese Minister for Foreign Affairs.

I myself asked the Japanese Ambassador to call this morning when I left His Excellency in no doubt as to the serious view which the British Government took of these arrests. I would prefer to say no more at the present stage.—British Wireless.

DIES OF WOUNDS

Mr. Chien Hung-yeh, Chief Criminal Judge of the First Special District Court in Shanghai, who was critically wounded by two gunmen on July 29, has succumbed to his wounds.—Central News.

DUCHESS OF WINDSOR SAILING

Officials of the American Export Line stated in New York yesterday that the Duchess of Windsor had booked passage in the United States liner Excalibur which was due to leave Lisbon on Thursday and arrive in New York on August 9.

Meanwhile, Mr. Sumner Welles, Acting Secretary of State, told his press conference in Washington that if the Duke and Duchess applied for a visa to enter the United States it would be granted speedily.

Questioned in regard to possible objections to the Duke and Duchess travelling in an American liner on the ground it might make the ship liable to seizure by the Germans, Mr. Welles said that phase of the matter had not yet been considered.—Reuter.

SECRECY DISCUSSED IN SECRET

Mr. Winston Churchill indicated in the Commons yesterday he would leave it to the House whether they would like the foreign affairs debate to be secret or open.

The House went into secret session to decide whether the debate should be secret and the galleries were cleared.

The secret session of the Commons ended and the House adjourned.—Reuter.

WOMAN HANGED AT STANLEY: LAST NOTE TO HUSBAND

A WOMAN WAS EXECUTED by hanging at Stanley Prison early this morning for the first time recorded in the criminal history of Hong Kong.

She was Kwan Lai-chun, 31-year-old wife of Chiu Chuk, who was found guilty and sentenced last month to death by the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, for the murder of her husband's concubine, Lam Lin-kwal. She was also responsible for the death of the concubine's 11-year-old son and of her mother-in-law, all of them fatally hacked with a chopper.

A Last Letter

The woman wrote a last letter while awaiting execution. It was to her husband with whom she wanted to be reconciled before going to the gallows.

OFFICERS TO TRAIN IN RANKS

A new method of recruiting and training for the Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers and Royal Corps of Signals is announced.

Candidates for a commission, between the ages of 18 and 18½, will be chosen by examination. The successful candidates will follow the modern Army custom of being trained in the ranks for three to five months.

Those who pass this test will go to selected Universities for a six-month course in mathematics, mechanics, physics and so on, at the Government's expense.

They will later be given training in the O.T.C. before joining their regiments.—Reuter.

DE GAULLE AND VICHY BETRAYAL

General de Gaulle, Leader of Free France, speaking in the B.B.C.'s French service last night, said one of the first results of the armistice terms accepted by the Petain Government would be the disaffection and probably revolt of the natives of the French Empire.

He declared: "These people, true to France, confident in France and respectful to France, view with indignation this capitulation of the Empire without fighting."

General de Gaulle concluded: "Since it is obvious that the men who are saving their skins at Vichy are subservient tools of the enemy's wishes, I affirm in the name of France that the Empire must not submit to their disastrous orders."—Reuter.

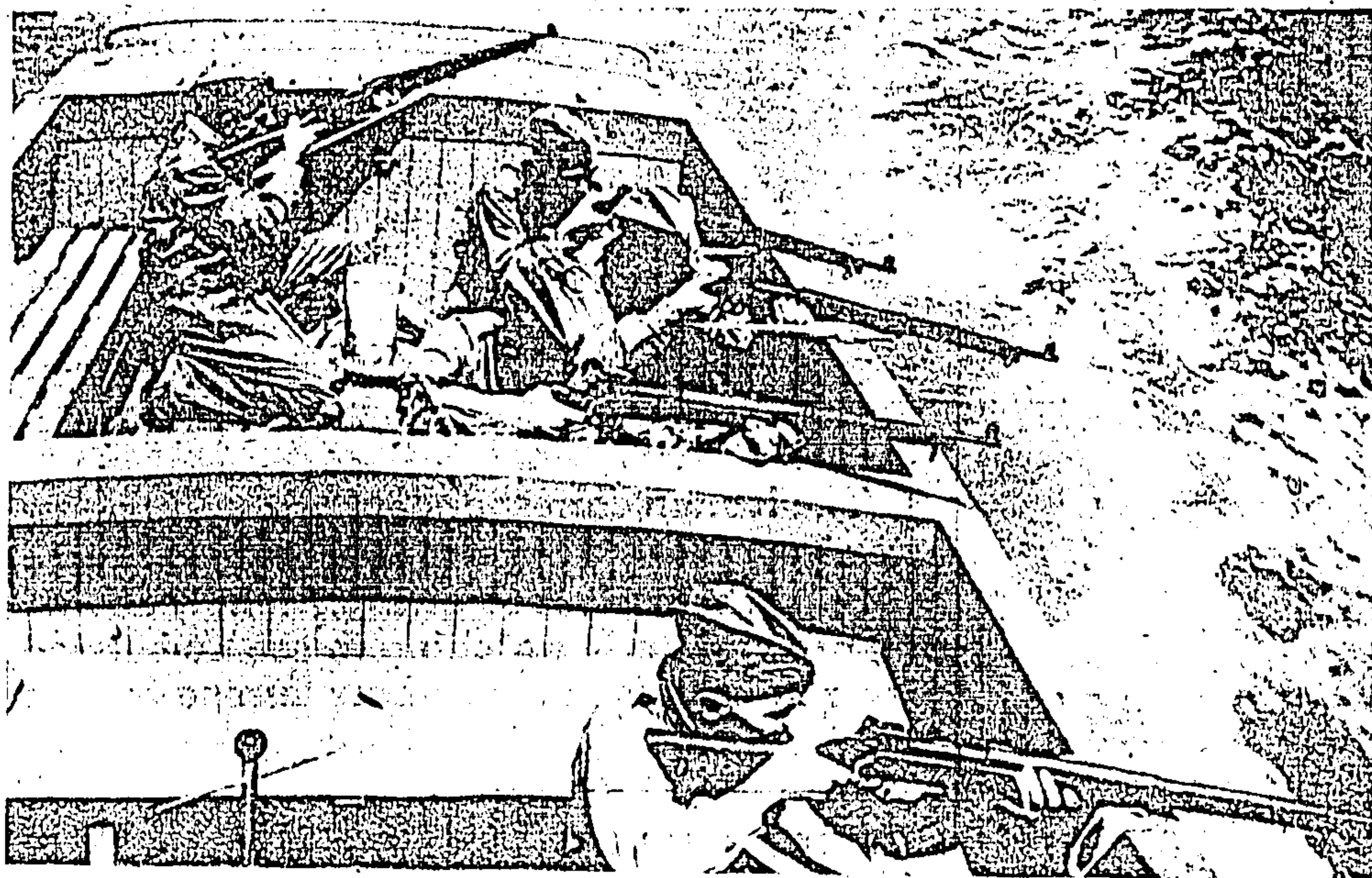


INDO-CHINA TO-DAY

Vice-Admiral J. Decoux has assumed office as Governor-General of Indo-China and economic matters affecting the future of that country are now receiving close attention. In the re-adjustment that must take place it is certain that Japan will play an important part. Japan is in a very favourable position to establish something near approaching economic mastery of the country. It may be intended that this should last only until the end of the war, but experience shows that once intimate economic relations between two countries have been established, it is far from easy to return to an earlier state of affairs. Yet to-day French Indo-China has little alternative. With the capitulation to Germany and Italy of Pétain's government and the inclusion therefore of France within the area blockaded by the British Navy, it is impossible for there to be any continuation of the trade between French Indo-China and the mother country. This is a serious blow to the economy of French Indo-China as may be seen from a study of trade statistics.

In a recent year French Indo-China's exports were valued at 1,681.9 million francs of which more than half, worth 922.7 million francs, went to France and goods valued at 102.6 million francs went to French colonies. That leaves less than 600 million francs worth of trade with other countries and part of this is no longer practicable since it was trade with Denmark, the Netherlands, Belgium and other European countries which are now occupied by the Germans.

This is Japan's opportunity and none can deny that at the moment she is best suited, geographically and in every other respect, to meet the future requirements of Indo-China, at least until the European war has ended. This prospect should give considerable satisfaction to the Japanese who, while anxious to maintain the political status quo in East Asia, are even more eager to increase their sources of supply of essential raw materials. This has been shown by their attitude towards the Netherlands Indies. Japan then, is in a position to buy almost anything French Indo-China produces and in quantities restricted only by the country's capacity to produce. Similarly, she can sell to Indo-China the products of her mass-pro-



Among Home Defence precautions are those being taken at a riverside works where a "parashot" patrol has been organised by a firm and employees are doing duty in rotation. All men have been supplied with a uniform. Photo shows some of the motor boat parashooters at firing practice whilst at speed. (Air Mail).

We Brook No Reverses

Bartimeus the well-known writer on naval matters in describing the evacuation from Dunkirk through the Channel said that he was left with one very sure conviction namely the Britain could not lose this war, not unless the British Expeditionary Force that gallant army of 335,000 was obliterated, together with that air force that protected in the skies, and the navy of a thousand ships that shielded and ferried them across the straits back to England.

The story when pieced together will be the finest chapter in English history for never has it been possible on any previous occasion, for so many diverse elements

to join together in face of such great odds, and prove the absolute unity of purpose and determination of the whole people.

It is strange that it should require war to bring to full bloom the greatest virtue of the race. This battle was the prelude of the greater battle yet to be decided, but no one who reads the re-

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ports can fail to be assured that the spirit of the nation, its courage and its cheerful willingness to co-operate and rush towards the spot where the danger was greatest, gives the best guarantee that

it will emerge triumphant when the greater struggle comes.

The great feat that was achieved epitomises the character of the effort that is being made in the British Empire to-day. The German leader trains the nation to fight. He uses every form of preparation that will rouse his martial spirit of the people. He appeals to their sense of shame, to their ill-treatment after the last war by the Treaty of Versailles. He rouses hate, he appeals to their greed. He enjoins loyalty by his slogans. The country is beflagged with that weird and mystical symbol the Swastika, and constant reminders of Germany's great destiny. He has produced a nation in arms; and their profession is arms. It is all very efficient and powerful while it is advancing and its nature is such that it must advance for it is geared to a spirit that cannot even temporarily retreat.

It can brook no reverses.

Well Britain has never spent nine-tenths of its revenue in peace-time for war purposes. She has never regarded fighting as the normal occupation of a people. She has pursued her daily task in business and in industry while seeking social betterment, for she believed in progress, and in a higher destiny for her own people, for the Empire and for the world.

Because she did that Germany regarded the nation as decadent, governed by plutocrats, pleasure-loving and ripe for dismemberment. Then this estimate had to be revised when war was declared since no nation, corrupted by luxury would deliberately sacrifice its pleasures for years of suffering, and so the word war-monger was added to the word plutocrat. It was wrongly assumed that the nation was materialistic and too wedded to its wealth to give up its peaceful slothful ways.

Now Germany finds that Britain instead of being controlled by money and all the comfort and luxury its possession implied, conscripts this same wealth for the sole purpose of proving to Germany that a rich nation is not necessarily the slave of its possessions.

The idealism, which dominates British life is never submerged in mere physical well-being. It may seek expression in the building up of a commonwealth of free peoples under one flag and at other times it may extend that principle to a wider group under a League of Nations but it is never narrowly or selfishly national in character.

The wider vision is the result of political and personal freedom, which develops a spirit of enterprise and strengthens the desire for unity.

Now, if this aim is interfered with, then the energies of the people are immediately focussed on removing the obstacle. The same instinct of pugnacity which is used for realising the political purpose, is directed towards its original end—that is to war.

The value we attach to our ideals in life is a measure of our willingness to uphold them in war. This was demonstrated to the full at Dunkirk. That is why we have this assurance of final victory.

Lion Has Wings

The Royal Air Force has proved its superior quality in combat with the more numerous aircraft of the enemy.

The proof of this quality is shown by the casualty lists. R.A.F. pilots and crews have fought harder than airmen have ever fought before, but their casualties have been surprisingly light.

For every British aircraft lost in aerial combat, four enemy planes have been shot down. Enemy losses to the R.A.F. and anti-aircraft fire in May alone totalled 2,100 aircraft. The French Air Force and the Dutch and Belgian gunners have done good work too.

British Spitfires and Hurricanes have proved more than a match for Germany's best. The Defiant, the newest British fighter, is faster and more powerful still.

THE NEW DEFIANT FIGHTER
This new aircraft is a 2-seater fighter. The air-gunner sits behind the pilot and controls a power-operated gun turret, mounting four machine guns. Hurricanes and Spitfires carry their "100-rounds-a-second" guns in the wings, and the pilot aims the aircraft at the target.

The one disadvantage about these two fine types of fighting planes is that there is no protection, except by evading, from an enemy closing in astern, or attacking from the quarter. Defiants are well prepared for this. The guns have an arc of fire which makes such tactics highly dangerous.

THE BOMBERS

British bombers also have an unequalled performance. The Wellington, twin-engined successor to the Wellesley, which still holds the world's long-distance non-stop record for the flight from Ismailia to Darwin—has a range at full bomb load of 3,200 miles. The construction of this bomber is such that it can withstand very heavy anti-aircraft fire, and still

remain airworthy. Probably the only German service aircraft that has a comparable range is the Dornier 18 Flying Boat which can fly 3,000 miles non-stop. But the top speed of this aircraft is only 161 m.p.h. against the 265 m.p.h. of the Wellington.

British Hampden and Whitley bombers are also in a class by themselves. Some months ago a Whitley bomber flew across the North Sea almost in defiance of the laws of aerodynamics. The aircraft was returning from a reconnaissance flight over Germany. Heavy anti-aircraft fire had been encountered. The port wing had been stripped of fabric from the leading edge back to the aileron. The pilot said that the machine was hard to handle, but he had not realised the extent of the damage until he had landed safely at his Station.

DEFENCE IN FORMATION
The heavy armour of British bombers has contributed greatly to their superiority. R.A.F. bomber squadrons have also perfected a technique of formation flying whereby the fire of the aircraft covers the blind spots of its neighbours. So long as the formation is held, the aircraft are almost invulnerable to fighter attack.

So excellent is the team work of British bomber pilots, and so heavy the fire of their guns, that enemy fighter pilots often refuse to join in combat. The statement "all our aircraft returned safely" recurs in official reports of the R.A.F. Bomber Operations with remarkable frequency.

TRAINING OF CREWS
Yet though British aircraft are individually better, it is in the training of the pilots and crews where Britain, supported wholeheartedly by the nations of the Empire, really excels.

The Empire Air Training Scheme provides for the training of 20,000 pilots and 30,000 members of air crews a year. When working at peak efficiency, it will require 8,000 trainer aircraft flying every good flying day. This plan to provide men and machines in vast and increasing numbers is rapidly coming into full operation.

If imitation is an indication of excellence, the R.A.F. flying training is the finest in the world. It has been copied by every major air power. It aims to give the pilot the maximum understanding and mastery of his aircraft.

Hitler & History

Four years ago in Berlin in discussing the problem of National Socialism and Europe with a leading German historian the present writer was given this explanation: "You of the Western democracies will never understand either National Socialism or the German character unless you constantly remember that Germany is still seething with resentment that its own national development was frustrated at a time when Spain, Portugal, France and Britain were establishing their overseas empires."

These words which are particularly apposite during the present struggle for Western civilisation were given a more direct form in Hitler's proclamation to his troops at the beginning of the German offensive against the Low Countries. "The hour has come for the decisive battle for the future of the German nation. For 300 years the rulers of England and France have made it their aim to prevent any real consolidation of Europe and above all to keep Germany weak and helpless."

Hitler, therefore, according to his own proclamation, attempts to justify the present spread of death and destruction as an avenging of alleged wrongs of three centuries ago. His interpretation of history during this period which presents Germany as suffering from an Anglo-French conspiracy to keep it weak and helpless requires no refutation. It need only be said that during these years Britain was mainly engaged in preventing French attempts at European hegemony under Louis XVI and Napoleon, and that German historians have admitted that it was British policy which destroyed such attempts.

In reality the Nazis, and with them many other Germans, are angered because the internal warfare of the Thirty Years War pre-

vented Germany from becoming a "nation state" strong enough to participate in colonial expansion at the start. Undoubtedly that war might have ended in 1634 rather than fourteen years later had not Cardinal Richelieu prolonged it in order to further weaken the House of Hapsburg. And it would appear that Hitler is now seeking vengeance for that act, seeing that when that catastrophic war did actually end in the Peace of Westphalia, a decisive blow was struck at the Holy Roman Empire, from which it never recovered.

Yet it was as a very definite step towards a restoration that Herr Hitler invaded the Low Countries and France. His dream of expansion was put into words at the Party Congress at Nuremberg in September, 1938, when he said "The Holy Roman Empire begins to breathe again... The Germanic Reich has slumbered for a long time. The German people have now awakened and taken the thousand-year-old crown to themselves."

The annexations already made by the Nazis have certainly recovered a large part of the lost empire and all former propaganda attempts to justify their aggressions on the grounds of aid to ill-treated German minorities have been contradicted by their actions against non-German peoples.

But the re-establishment of a former Germanic Reich based this time upon German racial superiority and the Gestapo would clearly not be the end. For to the acquisition of these new lands would come the plea for Lebensraum for the added populations and this would be the propaganda justification for expansive aggression into the whole colonial world.

In fact, if the National Socialists can go back three centuries to seek justification for their present actions against Western civilisation why cannot they justify to themselves the argument that Britain and France having prevented the Germans from participation in earlier colonisation must now in all fairness return those colonies to the new Reich?

Fantastic though this may seem to Anglo-Saxons with a pragmatic outlook, there are undoubtedly many Germans who could convince themselves that it was fully justified.

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BALKAN SITUATION PAST DISCUSSION STAGES

THE SITUATION IN THE BALKANS APPEARS TO HAVE PASSED THE PHASE OF NEGOTIATIONS.

The Italian correspondent of the "Buchar-ester Tageblatt" says the Axis powers "have confined themselves to giving friendly advice and are vigilantly watching to see no outside power interferes in South-East Europe for the purpose of maintaining existing quarrels."

COMMUNIST PROPAGANDA IN AMERICA

IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE, STATES "REVELATION," AN ARTICLE IN HARPER'S UNDER THE TITLE "THE AMERICAN COMMUNISTS."

Some passages: "It is plain that the future of American Communists is not very promising. The Communist has been presented either as a superhuman being dedicating his life to striking the chains from mankind or as a cunning beast bent on returning us to the dark ages. The propaganda of both sides has exaggerated the Communist party's achievements. . . . The attempt to apply the revolutionary technique in the United States to wage earners far from rebellious, was like holding a softrock drill to a steel surface. The instrument flew out of the hands of its holder. . . ."

Harpers also points out that when Earl Browder was arrested on the forged passport charge the party made an attempt to rehabilitate him by running him for Congress in a Brooklyn district where 23,000 Communist votes are registered. Only 3,000 voted for him. "This is not to say that Communists were, or are, without strength in a great many unions and other bodies, or that they do not hold leadership in some and play a large part in the direction of others. But the influence is by Communists as individuals, not as Communists, and they 'control' only so long as they are moving with the main stream." "It seems possible to predict the immediate future of the American Communist party. The disintegration will continue and increase in pace."

BRITAIN'S PROTEST TO RUMANIA

The British note of protest to Rumania is now known to have pointed out to the Rumanian Government that unless there is a satisfactory solution to the points at issue, no return to normal Anglo-Rumanian relations can be expected.

The points at issue include the detention of British ships on the Danube; the expulsion of British oil engineers; and interference with the administration of the Astro-Romana oil company.

American reports from Bucharest state that the Rumanian Government is to raise by more than half the tax on the oil companies. It is also expected that the export tax on petroleum products will be raised from 13 to 20 per cent and will be payable by the exporting companies, who will not be allowed to raise prices to cover it.—Reuter.

COUNTER-ATTACK AT MOYALE?

A Nairobi communique yesterday stated: "To-day our ground forces made contact with strong enemy forces in the Moyale area. Further reports are awaited." — British Wireless.

An interesting sidelight on the situation was the confiscation in Bucharest yesterday of the Italian newspaper "Corriere della Sera."

The paper contained an article advising Rumania to reach an understanding with the Bulgarians who, it said, were demanding territory in the Dobrudja as far as Mangalia and even Constanza.

It added Russia was supporting Bulgaria in this claim because Rumanian policy was pro-German and the Soviet wished to eliminate Italo-German influence in the Balkans.

"Role Of Rumania"

The Rumanian press generally hails with satisfaction the results of the Salzburg and Rome talks as outlined in the Rumanian Government communique and emphasises the importance of the role preserved for Rumania in the reorganisation of south-east Europe under Axis supervision.

The Berlin correspondent of the Government paper "Romania" reports that German official circles consider it very important that Franco-British interests should be removed from South-East Europe.

The expulsions from Rumania of French technicians and alleged saboteurs is welcomed as evidence of this movement. — Reuter.



Medea Novara as "The Mad Empress" now at the King's.

EIGHTH ROUTE ARMY CLOSE TO PEIPING

Reliable sources in Peiping stated yesterday that the 8th Route Army has been operating south of Peiping in the last few days, engaging posts and approaching to within a few hundred yards of the south wall of the city.

Fighting is said to have occurred for some distance down the railway to Tientsin, and the Chinese are said to have captured a railway station a short distance to the south of Peiping. They later retired.—Reuter.

MAIN POINTS OF HAVANA AGREEMENT

THE MAIN POINTS of the Convention and "Act of Havana" concluded by the Pan-American Conference in Havana were published in the Cuban capital yesterday as follows:

"Considering the destinies of the colonies of non-American countries in this hemisphere, and that a situation may develop which may extinguish or materially impair their sovereignty, the American Republics condemn all violence."

"The Republics consider possible transfers of sovereignty as against American sentiments and the rights of the American states to maintain their security and political independence."

"No such transfer will be recognised or accepted by the American Republics no matter what the form employed."

"The Republics reserve the right to judge whether any transfer or attempted transfer has the effect of impairing the political independence of European possessions in their hemisphere."

The Republics will establish a provisional regime for such regions until such time as their definitive government is established by the free determination of their people.

Unquestioned Right

The Convention continues: "The Republics have an unquestioned right to take such regions under their administration and deliberate as to their destinies, though this does not imply abrogation of the principle of non-intervention."

"In case a provisional regime is decided on, administration will be exercised by one or more American states. The administration shall be in the interests of the security of the Americas and for the benefit of the region administered."

dividual rights which will be preserved by the administration and states: "Open economic relations will be maintained with all countries on a basis of reciprocity."

"First administration will be for three years renewable for periods of not more than ten years. Local revenues will finance the administration."

"An international commission for territorial administration is established, composed of one representative for each country ratifying the Convention. Any signatory may convoke the commission and two-thirds of the members constitute the quorum necessary to take decisions."

Ratification

"None of the provisions of the Convention refer to territories which are subject to dispute or claims between European powers and one or more of the Republics of the Americas."

"The Convention shall enter into force when two-thirds of the Republics have ratified it."

The Act of Havana repeats the principles of the Convention and authorises the immediate creation of an emergency committee composed of one representative of each of the American Republics, two-thirds of the membership being sufficient for the committee to act. Argentina adds the reservation that it regards the Falklands as part of Argentine territory.—Reuter.

LORDS AGREE TO DIFFER ON SPECIAL COURTS PROJECT

LORD SIMON, MOVING in the House of Lords, the second reading of the Emergency Powers Bill to enable Government to establish special courts in an emergency, said there was a general desire to avoid soldiers having to try and punish civilians, and therefore we should have to have civil courts.

He added people must not be condemned on vague suspicion but properly tried, and he strongly favoured provisions for review in serious cases.

MR. HULL'S VICTORY AT HAVANA

Unquestionably a political victory for the United States, is the verdict of most United States radio commentators on the outcome of the Pan-American Conference at Havana.

Several commentators pointed out the United States is the only nation with the armed strength to supplement the provisions of the conference with force, his being why it has received a free hand in the Hemisphere's defence.

Broadcasting over the mutual system, however, Mr. Wythe Williams, well-known foreign affairs expert, contended the conference had not produced what he had hoped for in regard to the question of any transfer of ownership of European possessions.

He said it was wishful thinking for an American to regard the conference as a success if no arrangement had been made for United States air bases in Latin-American territory as far south as the Equator. — Reuter.

FUND FOR FAMILY OF SLAIN EDITOR

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Wang Ching-wei has donated \$1,000 to the fund established by the "Sin Min Pao" of Peiping for the family of the late Wu Chueh-chih, editor of the newspaper, who was assassinated recently.

The intelligence department of the North China Political Council has donated \$400. Memorial services for the deceased were held at Kwang Chi Sze temple last Saturday; all members of the Peiping Press Union attended. — Havas.

DYNAMITE BOMBS ON A JUNK

Leung Ho, 60, mistress of junk No. T4189, was remanded by Mr. E. Himsforth this morning when charged with the possession of arms and dangerous goods without a licence.

On her junk in the Yaumati typhoon shelter yesterday were found dynamite bombs, 39 detonators, 40 sticks of dynamite, a rifle and 59 rounds of rifle ammunition.

EARL OF BANDON GETS D.S.O.

The London Gazette announced yesterday the award of the D.S.O. to Wing-Commander the Earl of Bandon, and awards of D.F.C.'s and D.F.M.'s to 31 officers and men of the R.A.F. ranging from Wing-Commanders to sergeants. — Reuter.

Lord Mottistone (Liberal) moved the rejection of the Bill. Lord Nathan (Labour) said the Labour Party were prepared to support Government in any measure to promote the prosecution of the war but this Bill would not advance or retard the prosecution of the war.

Lord Crewe (Liberal) said in view of the marked difference between the present measure and the form in which it was originally introduced he would not now oppose it.

A Lord of Appeal expressed anxiety at the unlimited powers given Government without any express safeguards but thought the House should give the Bill a second reading.

Viscount Cecil

Viscount Cecil said he did not share the anxiety in regard to the possibility of a diminution of the rights of the subject under the Bill. He thought it was really a Bill for safeguarding the rights of the subject.

Lord Simon, replying, and referring to the question of the position of members of the Home Guard, which had been raised by some speakers, contended they had all the responsibilities and were entitled to all the privileges of the soldier. Dealing with the position of the ordinary civilian who took up arms, Lord Simon said if he was a franc-tireur it didn't follow he was not a very brave and public-spirited man.

Lord Simon said the new courts would apply the criminal law of the country.

Admitting it was an experiment, he described the bill as one for the protection of civilian rights in times of great crisis.

Privilege Of Peers

He added, replying to a point raised by Lord Strabolgi, that the privilege of Peers in regard to trials of certain offences was quite unaffected by the proposals. The bill was read a second time without division. — Reuter.

COMPULSORY SERVICE IN AMERICA

The Senate military affairs committee in Washington yesterday postponed final action on the Burke-Wadsworth Compulsory Military Service Bill, aim of which was to register 42,000,000 men between the ages of 18 and 64.

The committee instead decided to take up the measure authorising President Roosevelt to call up the National Guard.

The Senate committee has already given tentative approval to the main features of the Conscription Bill but there are signs of growing opposition to the measure both inside and outside Congress.

One possibility which the committee decided to consider was the reduction of the age limits of those subject to active military training to 21 to 31, instead of the present figure of 21 to 45. — Reuter.

EYE INJURIES IN FIGHTING IN FRANCE

In a written answer to a question in the House of Commons yesterday, the War Minister, Mr. Anthony Eden, stated 113 soldiers had lost the sight of one or both eyes during the recent fighting in France. — Reuter.

STOCK EXCHANGE QUIETER

The London Stock Exchange was quiet and mainly easier yesterday on small sales in the face of a dearth of buyers. Gilt-edged, however, continued steady, and Brazilian bonds strengthened on buying from an influential source. Oils were depressed by the Anglo-Iranian Oil Co. announcement that it is not paying final dividend, while the net profits were £3 millions compared with £6.1 millions the previous year. Wall Street steady. — Reuter.

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MORE THAN ONE STRING
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♠ Q 9 8
♥ K 10 8 3
♦ K 10 8
♣ A 9 5

♠ 6 5 2
♥ A Q J 9
♦ 4
♣ K Q 10 4

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♠ A K J 10 7 3
♥ A 5 3
♦ 7 6 3 2

The bidding:
North East South West
Pass Pass 1♠ 2♥
2NT 3♥ 4♠ Pass

West made the most effective (in this case) opening lead—a trump. Dummy won, and South noted nine top tricks. A tenth trick could be won by ruffing South's fourth club in the dummy—but another plan was available, so South combined

them. At the second trick he ruffed a heart, went over to the club Ace, and ruffed another heart. Then he led a club from his own hand. West brilliantly put up the Queen and returned a second trump. This defence convinced South that he would never get the chance to ruff his last club; for West would surely manage to take out dummy's last trump.

But the second plan was well under way, so Declarer won the trump trick with dummy's Queen and ruffed a third heart. He next laid down the Ace and a low diamond.

West could gain nothing by ruffing, since dummy would simply play the losing ten of diamonds. And when West discarded, dummy won and led the last heart for South to ruff. Dummy's remaining trump was the tenth trick.

Yesterday you were David Bruce Burnstone's partner. Both sides were vulnerable, and you held:

♠ J 10 5
♥ 10 6 4
♦ A Q J 9 8
♣ A 7

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QUESTION NO. 476
To-day you are Merwin Maier's partner. Neither side is vulnerable, and you hold:

♠ K J 10 9
♥ K 7 5 3
♦ A 6
♣ 7 3 2

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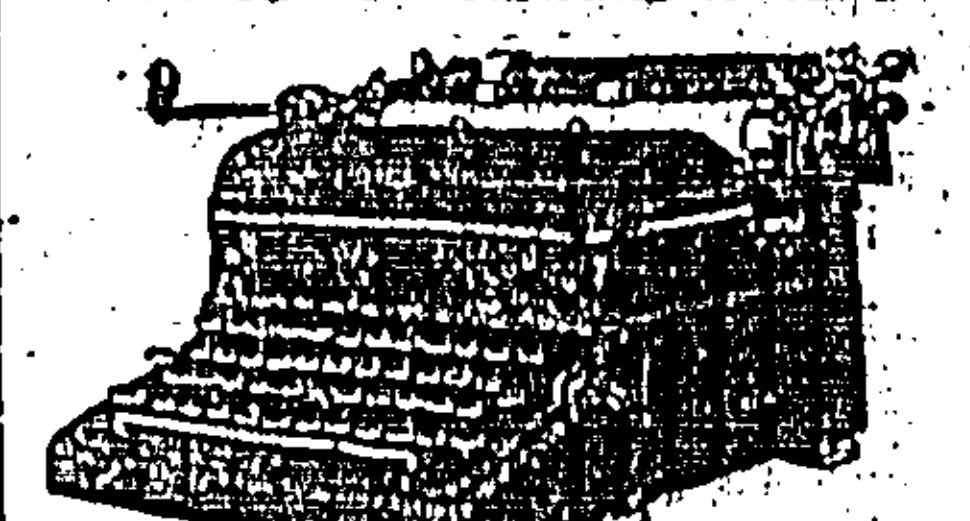
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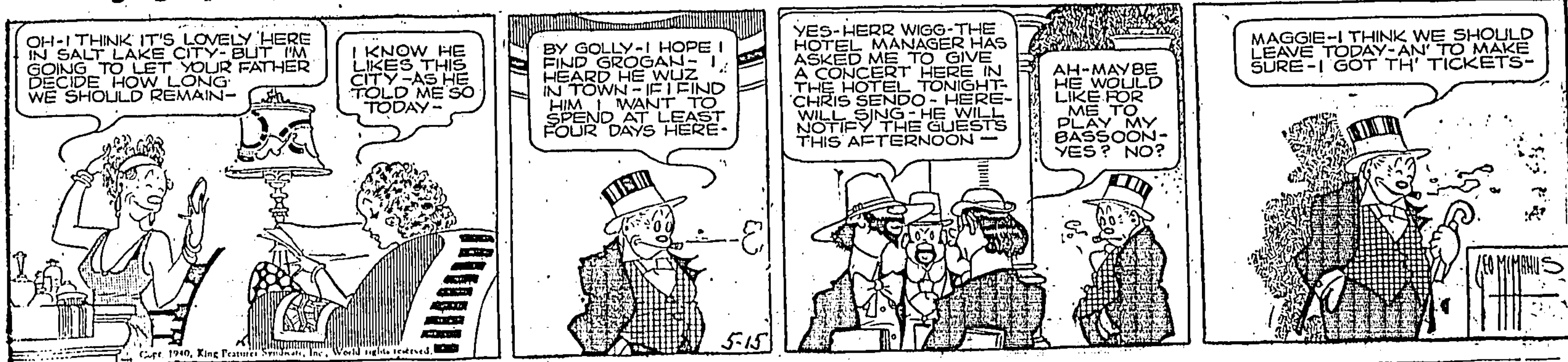


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A cooling, healthful beverage that is especially appetizing is Spiced Mocha chocolate. Serve it with a couple of kinds of sandwiches and fruit and you have an ample summer luncheon menu. This quantity, which serves four, should be cooked slowly for 3 minutes and stirred constantly: 1/4 cup cocoa, 1/2 cup granulated sugar, 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon, 1/4 teaspoon each of salt and cloves and 2/3 cup water. Mix in 1 cup strong coffee and 4 cups of milk. Cook slowly until well blended, cool, add a teaspoon of vanilla and mix thoroughly. Chill and serve in tall glasses. Garnish the top with whipped cream or marshmallows.

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Fruit Flip. Boil 1 cup granulated sugar in 3 cups of water for two minutes. Cool and add 1 cup orange juice, 1 cup grape juice, 2 cups pineapple juice and 2/3 cup lemon juice. Mix in 6 fresh mint leaves and pour into a jar. Cover and store in the refrigerator. When time to serve, discard the mint leaves, add a cup of iced water for each cup of juice and pour into tall glasses, half filled with broken ice. Garnish with fresh mint leaves and serve at once.

This pungent Nectar Chill is a great thirst-quencher. It is gay in colour, too, and can be used for a punch bowl filler or in tall glasses. Boil 1/2 cup granulated sugar in a cup of water for two minutes. Cool and add 2 cups apricot nectar, 1 cup each of orange and pineapple juices and 1/2 cup lemon juice. Chill until needed and then pour in 4 cups of iced water and a quart of ginger ale.

If you are looking for a porch party beverage, try Tea Frost. It's sparkling, cool to look upon, and most refreshing. Loosely tie in a muslin bag 1/4 cup bark cinnamon and 12 whole cloves, and put the bag in 4 cups of hot water to which you have added 4 tablespoons orange pekoe tea. Cover

tightly and steep 5 minutes. Drain off the liquid, cool it and then add 1 cup granulated sugar, 1 1/2 cups orange juice, 1 cup red cherry juice and 1/2 cup lemon juice. Chill. At serving time add 8 cups of iced water. Serve in tall glasses half filled with chopped ice. Deck out with cherries and sprigs of fresh mint.

Fruit Hors D'oeuvre Plate

With spoon-sized chunks of Hawaiian pineapple to give it tang, this plate of fruit appetizers is a fine accompaniment for tall drinks in summer. An attractive combination of colour and flavour might include nippy cheese balls (cream and Roquefort cheese and finely chopped celery with a dash of onion juice and tabasco sauce) sprinkled with paprika arranged on geranium leaves or small greens in the centre. Surround this with well-drained spoon-size chunks of pineapple rolled in chopped mint leaves, half-inch slices of bananas dipped in lemon juice and rolled in chopped salted nuts, and strawberries sprinkled with powdered sugar. Avocado cubes dipped in lime or lemon juice make an interesting addition. Lift hors d'oeuvres from the plate with cocktail toothpicks.

Summer Bridge Foursome

The Menu
Bacon and Mushrooms, En Brochette
Broiled Tomatoes
Spiced Pears
Toasted Rusks
Frozen Strawberry Dessert
Ice Coffee

Bacon And Mushrooms, En Brochette
1 pound uniform sized mushrooms
2 tablespoons finely chopped onions
1/2 cup catsup
2 tablespoons butter
Wash mushrooms and string them, alternately with bacon squares, on skewers. Arrange in a shallow pan. Sprinkle with other ingredients. Broil until well browned on all sides. It will require about ten minutes. Baste with drippings that cook out of bacon. Transfer to a heated serving platter and garnish with broiled tomatoes.

Broiled Tomatoes
6 slices tomatoes
2 tablespoons butter
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon paprika
1/2 cup grated cheese
Place tomatoes on a greased shallow pan, spread with butter, salt and paprika. Broil until well browned. Carefully turn, sprinkle cheese on uncooked side and broil until well browned—about five minutes. Sprinkle with finely chopped parsley.

Frozen Strawberry Dessert
2 egg yolks
1 cup granulated sugar
1 tablespoon flour
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 cups milk
2 cups berries, crushed
1 1/2 cups whipped cream
2 teaspoons vanilla
Beat yolks, add sugar, flour and salt. Pour in milk. Cook in a double boiler until mixture thickens a little. Stir constantly while cooking. Cool, add other ingredients and pour into a tray in a mechanical refrigerator. Freeze four hours.

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Tuna Surprise Balls
Creamed Peas
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Green Salad Bowl
Plum Sauce Sour Cream Cookies
Coffee
Tuna Surprise Balls
1 cup tuna
2 egg yolks
1 cup boiled rice



The mentally sketchy girl-friend says she wishes her beau would stop and think when he chats along about light heads.

1 teaspoon finely chopped parsley
1/4 cup chopped pimiento
Stuffed olives
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon paprika
2 tablespoons butter, melted
2 egg whites, beaten
Lightly mix ingredients. Pour into well-buttered muffin pans—filling 2/3 full. Bake 25 minutes in a moderate oven. Carefully remove to a heated serving platter and surround with creamed peas, asparagus or green beans. Garnish with parsley.

Green Salad Bowl
1 1/2 cups shredded lettuce
1 1/2 cup cubed cucumbers
1/2 cup cubed pineapple
3 tablespoons finely chopped green peppers
1/3 cup chopped celery
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1/4 cup French dressing
Mix and chill ingredients. **Sour Cream Cookies**
1/2 cup fat
1 cup granulated sugar
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 teaspoon nutmeg
1/4 cup thick sour cream
1 teaspoon grated orange rind
2-2/3 cups flour
1 teaspoon soda
Cream fat and sugar. Add other ingredients and mix lightly. Drop portions of the cookie dough from the tip of a spoon onto greased baking sheets and bake about ten minutes in a moderate oven.

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12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercession.
12.30 p.m.—A Variety Programme.
1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Derek Oldham (Tenor) and the New Light Symphony Orchestra.
1.30 p.m.—Rugby & Rugby Press, Weather Report and Announcements.
1.45 p.m.—Haydn—Quartet in B Major, Op. 70, No. 4.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6.00 p.m.—Beethoven—Symphony No. 3 in E Flat Major, Op. 55 "Eroica."
6.44 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
6.46 p.m.—A Military Band Concert with Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).
7.17 p.m.—Reginald Foot at the Organ.
7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Grieg—Piano Concerto in A Minor, Op. 10.
8.30 p.m.—Studio—"Poets" No. 6: Tennyson. Talk by Father Ryan, S.J.
8.50 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—"Matters of Moment." Talk by Ronald Cross, Minister for Shipping.
9.45 p.m.—Variety Programme.
10.17 p.m.—Dance Music.
11.00 p.m.—Close down.



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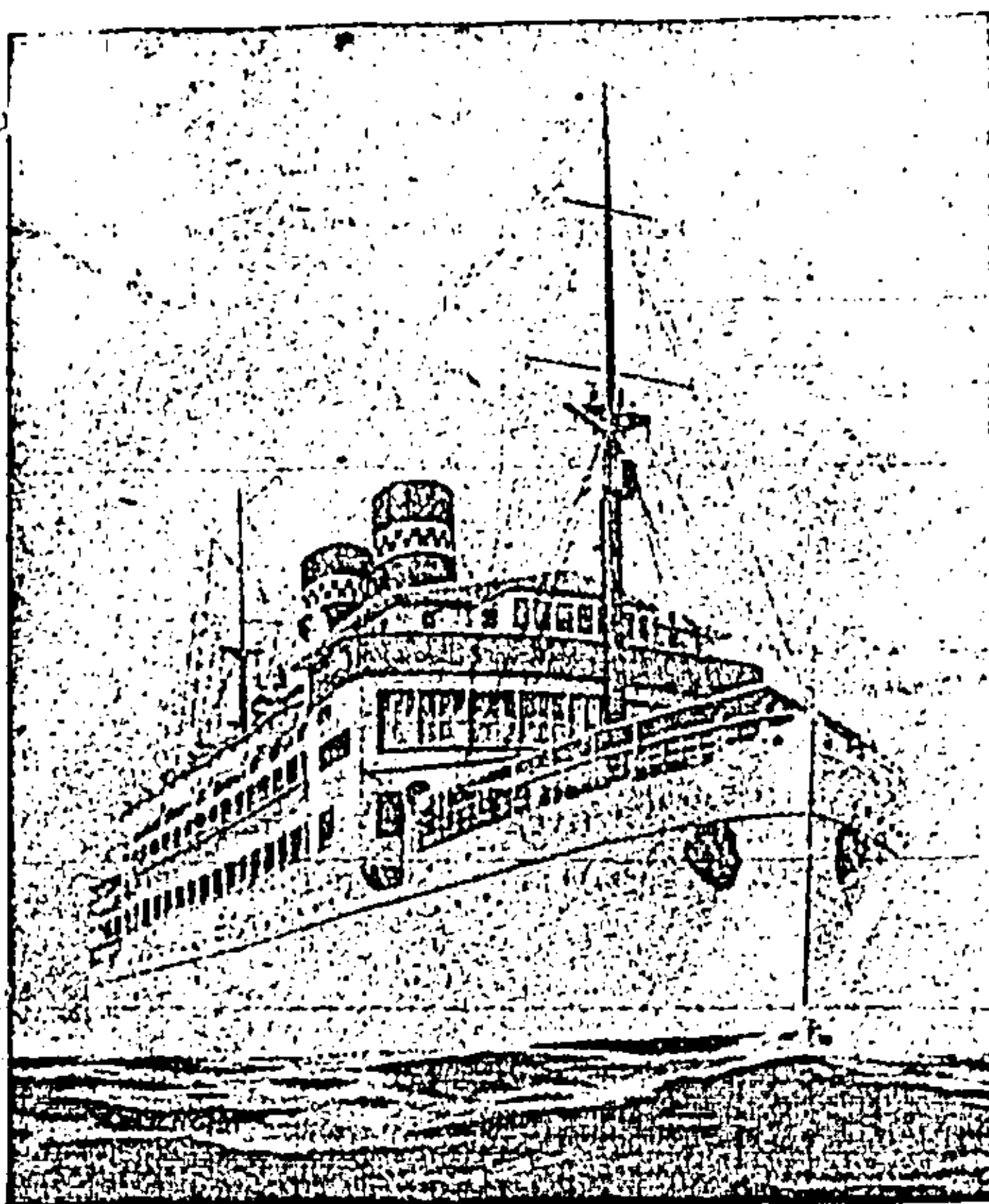
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DR. YEN HAS NOT HEARD

Dr. W. W. Yen, ex-ambassador to Moscow, who was reported in a Reuter dispatch from Shanghai as a possible appointee to the post of ambassador to Washington, is in Manila and is staying at the Manila Hotel.

Questioned, Dr. Yen said he has not heard anything and was inclined to doubt the report that the Chinese government has decided upon his appointment to the Washington post. He said he is in Manila on vacation and plans to stay about two weeks more.

A Chinese consulate official told the Manila Bulletin that they had no information regarding Dr. Yen's becoming China's envoy to the United States.

RED FOR CHOICE

Which is the most popular colour? Fighter Command pilots answer "red."

You may remember that, in "The Lion Has Wings," the fighter station commander, talking to his pilots in the air by radio-telephone, addresses them by their section colours. When a section of a fighter squadron has to be sent up to patrol the coast or look for an enemy raider, it is chosen by the colour allotted to it.

Station Commanders find that they have to keep a check on their own colour preference. It has been found that, when the colour are chosen at random, red sections go into the air more often than sections of other colours. So a way has had to be found to ensure that the other colours get their fair share of the work.

BOXER REBELLION VETERAN DEAD

Brigadier General Frederic M. Wise USA, retired, has died in Washington. He was a veteran of the Philippine Insurrection, the Boxer Rebellion in China, and the Mexican and world wars. — Associated Press.

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Interesting Experiences Of Eastern During Tour High Tribute To Standard In Singapore Beaten By Rangoon On Ground Under 4 Inches Of Water

By "Adrem"

A RECORD-BREAKING crowd at their first appearance in Singapore and a match in Rangoon played throughout in torrential rain with the ground under four inches of water were the highlights of the Eastern Athletic Association's football tour of Manila, Malaya and Burma.

As reported in the "China Mail" yesterday, the team returned to the Colony yesterday, after an uneventful trip from Singapore, some two months earlier than anticipated. Included in the itinerary originally were India and Java but both these trips were perforce cancelled owing to the impossibility of obtaining the necessary permission.

The Hong Kong team met with unusual success and throughout a programme of 21 games, only one defeat on three occasions, one of them being at Selangor on the way back from Burma, when the team were all stale, disappointed at having to forego the remainder of the tour and consequently suffering from a reaction that made of football an unspeakable drudgery.

In all, wins were scored in 17 matches, while one was drawn. Illness and injury played a remarkably small part in the tour and apart from an attack of dysentery—from which he is now recovered—contracted by N. Z. Lee whilst between Rangoon and Singapore, and other cases of minor injuries which rarely resulted in a big lay-off for the player, the team remained fit and well throughout.

Fine Standard

"The standard of football in Singapore was the best encountered throughout the tour," Mr. Chan Fuk-ye, Hon. Secretary for the touring team, told me in an exclusive interview yesterday. "Some of the players who turned out against us in that port were really first-class and I would describe Medan, their inside-left, as one of the finest players it has ever been my privilege to see."

"There was tremendous keenness in Singapore when we passed through for the first time and no fewer than 19,000 people paid for admission. This compares favourably with the previous record of 21,000 when the Chinese Olympic team passed through in 1936 after their tour of Europe, and it is possible that on this occasion the 21,000 mark was bettered as long before the game started, the crowd got out of hand, broke in the gates, and it was estimated at the time, not less than 2,000 enthusiasts watched the game who had not paid for admission."

"Another interesting match," Mr. Chan continued, "was against Rangoon on the finest ground we played on. The football season in Burma coincides with the rainy

season and for the most part matches are played in the rain. The turf, however, is beautiful and never was the expression—a billiard-table surface—more applicable than when used to describe the main ground in Rangoon. There is also excellent accommodation and the stands will seat some 15,000 people in perfect comfort."

Paddling The Ball!

It was at Rangoon that Eastern suffered their biggest defeat, going down to All-Rangoon by 0-1. "This result will not surprise you very much, however, when I tell you that it poured cats and dogs throughout the game and there was not less than four inches of water on the ground," said Mr. Chan. "Our chaps, of course, were not used to conditions like that and some of the efforts to clear were really comical. A player would paddle the ball up towards the opposition goal, wind himself up, take a terrific kick, only to have the mortification of seeing the ball trickle a few yards to the feet of a Rangoon player, who knew what to expect!"

Mr. Chan described a local Rangoon youth named Pugsley as being practically in the same class as Medan of Singapore. "He is to Burma what Lee Wai-tong is to China."

There are rather curious restrictions in force in Rangoon as far as representative matches are concerned. Under no circumstances will the Municipal police consent to matches being played against teams that are not mixed racially. Thus it was permissible

EASTERN'S GOAL-SCORERS

Following were the principal goal-scorers on the Eastern tour:

Chang Kam-hoi	25
Hau Ching-to	19
Hui Van-kwei	16
Lee Tack	9
Chau Man-chi	7
Hui King-shing	3
Chung Yung-sen	1
Tsao Chao-ting	1

Total 81
Eastern's opponents scored 39 goals.

to play a team consisting of four Chinese, two Burmese, two Britishers and three Malays but it was strictly taboo to play an all-British or an All-Burmese team. Reason is fear of rioting. No fewer than 1,000 policemen were in attendance for the match between all-Rangoon and Eastern!

As was mentioned earlier in this article, the matches played on the return, were not nearly as successful as on the outward journey. Apart from an inferior standard due to the staleness of the Hong Kong team, the modified state of emergency in Malaya and general feeling of uneasiness was reflected in the gates. The Malays were most loathe to part with any small change, evidently feeling that if the worst did happen, they would be better off with the silver subsidiary coins than with paper money. Consequently, when making a purchase, unless goods to the value of \$1 were purchased the sale was refused, not because the goods were not available but because tradespeople refused to give change.

Poor Display

"We saw Sing Tao play in Singapore," Mr. Chan continued, "and in my opinion they were extremely fortunate not to lose. They gave the impression of being out of practice and only the fine display of their goal-keeper saved them from certain defeat—the Singapore team were on the attack continually."

Glad to be back again and just a little tired of football, Mr. Chan said that the Eastern team would rest up now until the start of the season, when they all hoped to be fighting fit once more.

EASTERN'S FAREWELL MATCH

Playing their farewell match at Anson Road stadium Eastern Athletic Association, on July 21st beat Singapore Chinese (S.C.F.A.) by four goals to one, writes our Special Correspondent. The proceeds are to be donated to the China Relief Fund, and among the spectators was the Consul-General for China, Mr. Kuo Ling-Pai, who presented souvenir medals to both teams. The score was one-all with the play slightly in favour of the local Chinese until ten minutes from the end, when a spectacular rally by the visitors gave them three quick goals. A large crowd witnessed a good game yesterday.

S.C.F.A. SCORE FIRST

The first to score about half way in the first half through Quan Chong, who is right back in form, the Singapore Chinese delighted the supporters, but before many minutes had passed Hsu Man-put equalized for the visitors, scooping the ball into the net off a pass from the right wing. Tee Seng and Lai Chuan missed a couple of sitters before the interval. Forcing two corners on the resumption, the Singapore Chinese played bright football. Tee Seng had bad luck with a first-timer which crashed against the cross-bar, Lai Chuan and Quan Chong also threatened to score.

VISITORS IN FORM

Towards the end of play, the visitors struck top form. Clever moves by the wings gave the inside men plenty of openings which they seldom missed and, although Wai Mun gave a grand display of goalkeeping, he was beaten three times. Hai Ching-to gave the tourists the lead, scooping the ball into the net immediately after Wai Mun had made a brilliant save. There was no stopping the visitors after that, and two more goals were netted within five minutes in spite of heroic efforts by Wai Mun. Chang Kam-hoi notched the third goal, and this was followed a little later by the fourth through Hau Ching-to, whose goal was the best of the match. He beat Wai Mun with a long, angle drive that rebounded in off the far post.

TO-DAY'S TENNIS

The following is to-day's "C" Division tennis League programme:

H.K.U.T.C.	v	A.T.C.
C.B.A.	v	C.D.R. "A"
C.R.C.	v	S.C.A.A.
H.K.P.S.A.	v	K.T.G.C.A.
C.D.R. "B"	v	K.I.T.C.
J.R.C.	v	K.C.C.

BOWLS TEAMS

The following have been chosen to represent Indian Recreation Club at Lawn Bowls on Saturday:—
First Division (v. H.K.F.C., away):
A. H. Rumjahn, K. M. Rumjahn, A. M. Rumjahn and M. R. Abbas (Skip); J. Hosen, A. K. Sufiad, A. R. Minu and A. K. Minu (Skip); D. M. Khan, S. Yusuf, M. Y. Adal and A. R. Dallah (Skip).
Third Division (v. P.O.C., home):
A. S. Sufiad, M. P. Madar, A. H. Madar and A. M. Wahab (Skip); M. Hassan, J. M. A. Rumjahn, A. G. Sufiad and A. Bakar (Skip); M. B. Hassan, S. A. R. Bux, U. A. Rumjahn and S. M. Rumjahn (Skip).

(Continued from next Column)

S. A. Fowler and C. Brown (C.B.A.)	3	3	0
D. T. Smith and V. C. Bond (C.B.A.)	3	3	0
S. G. Smith and V. Morrison (H.K.P.S.C.)	3	3	0
B. Godkin and A. Pollah (J.R.C.)	3	3	0
M. Tahan and E. Porges (J.R.C.)	3	3	0
D. T. Smith and G. Gurevitch (C.B.A.)	3	3	0
A. M. Alves and R. M. Soares (C.D.R. "B")	3	3	0
J. M. and L. G. Gosano (C.D.R. "B")	3	3	0
J. R. Turner and T. C. Kavan (K.C.C.)	3	3	0
C. Marques and M. Mendonca (C.D.R.)	3	3	0
P. Wynter-Blyth and J. R. Turner (K.C.C.)	3	3	0
C. C. Pereira and R. M. Soares (C.D.R. "B")	3	3	0
H. B. Joseph and W. J. Ciprin (J.R.C.)	3	3	0
A. R. Pollah and M. Tahan (J.R.C.)	3	3	0

"C" DIVISION TENNIS PAIRINGS

Following are "C" Division League tennis pairings:—

	P.	L.	W.
S. A. Hussain and S. S. Hussain (K.I.T.C.)	15	1 1/2	13 1/2
F. Khan and H. M. Singh (K.I.T.C.)	12	3 1/2	6 1/2
H. K. Ho and N. K. Ma (S.C.A.A.)	9	1 1/2	7 1/2
J. Emberson and S. J. Duffield (A.T.C.)	9	2	7
W. S. Lee and H. C. Kwok (S.C.A.A.)	6	0	6
Ma Siu-leung and T. C. Chan (C.R.C.)	6	0	6
G. A. Noronha and H. A. Noronha (C.D.R. "A")	9	3	6
H. R. Brown and C. S. Pile (H.K.P.S.C.)	9	3	6
B. G. Baker and D. Howlett (H.K.P.S.C.)	9	3 1/2	5 1/2
Edward Lee and L. S. Chan (K.T.G.C.A.)	6	1	5
P. Chen and D. Chen (K.T.G.C.A.)	6	1	5
E. Zulauf and R. E. Lee (K.C.C.)	11	6	5
M. S. Hussain and G. Singh (K.I.T.C.)	12	7	5
P. Wynter-Blyth and A. L. Fisher (K.C.C.)	8	4	4
G. H. Fowler and B. I. Bickford (C.B.A.)	9	5	4
V. Morrison and A. R. S. Major (H.K.P.S.C.)	6	2 1/2	3 1/2
D. Adlam and A. Murray (A.T.C.)	9	5 1/2	3 1/2

M. F. Lee and F. K. Yee (K.T.G.C.A.)	6	2 1/2	3 1/2
A. R. S. Major and S. G. Smith (H.K.P.S.C.)	3	0	3
V. Morrison and J. Howlett (H.K.P.S.C.)	3	0	3
M. S. Lee and D. Kwok (K.T.G.C.A.)	3	0	3
F. K. Lau and C. C. Chan (C.R.C.)	3	0	3
Wei Chung and O. L. Pang (C.R.C.)	3	0	3
H. T. Tang and S. L. Yong (H.K.U.T.C.)	3	0	3
C. L. Lau and W. S. Lee (S.C.A.A.)	3	0	3
B. C. Fay and C. S. Pile (H.K.P.S.A.)	3	0	3
V. Yvanovich and P. Botelho (C.D.R. "B")	6	3	3
J. Fonseca and R. M. Soares (C.D.R. "B")	5	2	3
D. Hung and J. L. Anderson (K.C.C.)	11	8	3

C. C. Luke and O. L. Pang (C.R.C.)	3	1/2	2 1/2
S. Khan and S. R. Sallih (K.I.T.C.)	3	1/2	2 1/2
J. Emberson and Stonor (A.T.C.)	3	1/2	2 1/2
M. F. Lee and F. K. Yee (K.T.G.C.A.)	3	1/2	2 1/2
A. M. Silva and J. C. Fonseca (C.D.R. "A")	6	2 1/2	3 1/2
A. M. Alves and J. A. Soares (C.D.R. "B")	2	0	2
L. G. Gosano and P. M. Rozario (C.D.R. "B")	2	0	2
F. K. Lau and Leung Ping-chiu (C.R.C.)	3	1	2
K. M. Lee and H. F. Kwok (K.T.G.C.A.)	3	1	2
D. Chan and W. Fong (K.T.G.C.A.)	3	1	2
C. L. Lau and T. K. Leung (S.C.A.A.)	3	1	2

A. M. Alves and A. E. Noronha (C.D.R. "B")	3	1	2
P. Chen and J. Chen (K.T.G.C.A.)	3	1	2
G. Hong Choy and H. G. Kan (H.K.U.T.C.)	3	1	2
P. Chen and J. Chen (K.T.G.C.A.)	3	1	2
T. K. Leung and P. Y. Kwok (S.C.A.A.)	3	1	2
F. E. Lee and L. Chan (K.T.G.C.A.)	6	4	2
H. Boocock and A. Marlin (A.T.C.)	9	7	2
K. T. Tam and T. S. Wong (H.K.U.T.C.)	3	1 1/2	1 1/2
L. G. Gosano and I. M. Gosano (C.D.R. "B")	3	1 1/2	1 1/2
G. Singh and G. M. Khan (K.I.T.C.)	3	1 1/2	1 1/2
E. Zulauf and D. Hung (K.C.C.)	3	1 1/2	1 1/2

A. M. Silva and C. M. Marques (C.D.R. "A")	3	1 1/2	1 1/2
B. Yue and Lam Kwan (K.T.G.C.A.)	3	2	1
C. E. Marques and J. A. Soares (C.D.R. "B")	3	2	1
M. S. Yu and S. L. Yong (H.K.U.T.C.)	3	2	1
D. T. Smith and J. Sloan (C.B.A.)	3	2	1
T. K. Leung and K. I. Chan (S.C.A.A.)	3	2	1
N. A. Beltrao and M. A. Guterres (C.D.R. "B")	3	2	1
Allan and Murray (A.T.C.)	3	2	1
F. E. Lee and L. Chan (K.T.G.C.A.)	3	2	1
N. A. Beltrao and A. M. Alves (C.D.R. "B")	3	2	1
Ip Yee and T. C. Lo (H.K.U.T.C.)	3	2	1

M. Gosano and A. M. Alves (C.D.R. "B")	3	2	1
N. B. M. Whitley and S. A. Fowler (C.B.A.)	0	0	1
H. F. Goncalves and A. E. Noronha (C.D.R. "A")	9	2	7
H. Ling and E. Lee (K.T.G.C.A.)	3	2 1/2	1/2
P. Wynter-Blyth and A. Gillard (K.C.C.)	3	2 1/2	1/2
S. L. Yong and K. E. Tam (H.K.U.T.C.)	3	2 1/2	1/2
H. G. Kan and C. K. Lee (H.K.U.T.C.)	3	2 1/2	1/2
Y. Ip and G. C. Lau (H.K.U.T.C.)	3	2 1/2	1/2
Boocock and Stonor (A.T.C.)	3	2 1/2	1/2
Lee Kam-ming and Chan Leung-ze (K.T.G.C.A.)	3	3	0
J. Gohseca and M. A. Guterres (C.D.R. "B")	3	3	0
H. B. Joseph and Dr. Ramler (J.R.C.)	3	3	0
Talbot and W. J. Ciprin (J.R.C.)	3	3	0

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"THE GREATEST PLAY I'VE EVER SEEN."

(This is another of a series of short descriptions of "The Greatest Play I've Ever Seen," as appearing in the Shanghai "China Press." Reference is made to baseball and to Shanghai plays and should prove of interest to Hong Kong fans.)

By "SONNY" LOUIS
As told to Hal P. Mills

The Greatest Play? Well, sir, I've played baseball here and down south and seen some really marvellous plays, but never one to beat a fraught-with-danger catch made by young Buster Kabbert in the days when Buster was starting his career as a backstop. I don't recall the exact year but I do recall that Buster broke up a ball game and at physical risk to himself by making an almost unbelievable catch of a foul fly.

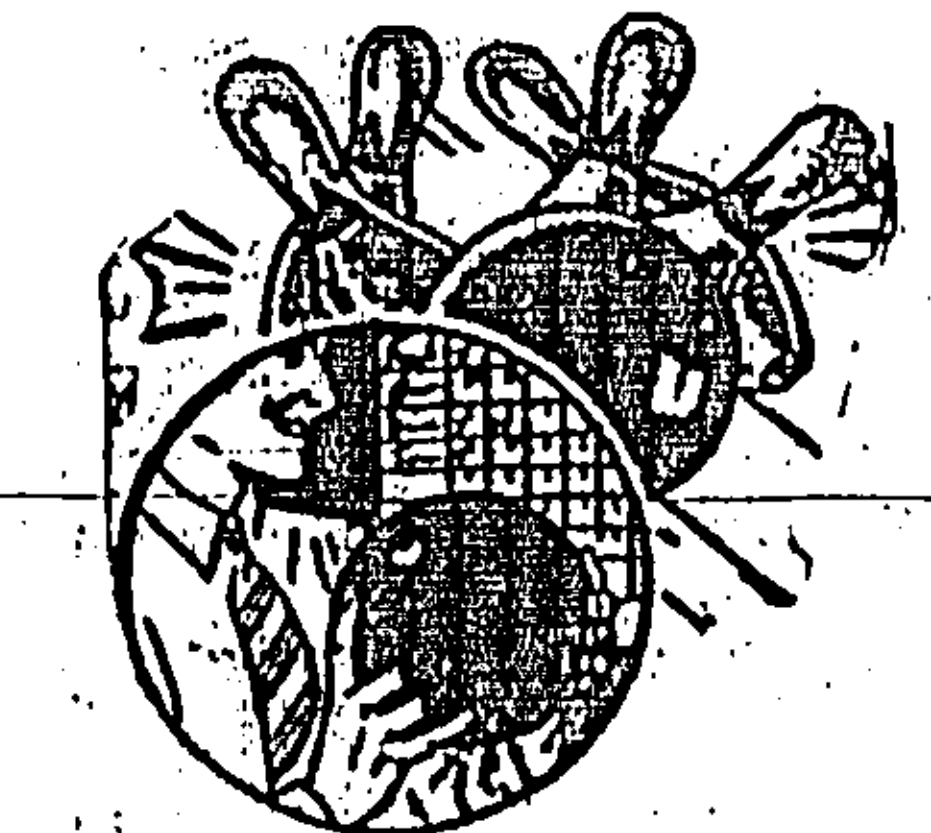
It was the final frame of a close game. (No pun intended). The Amateurs were ahead by a lone run when the strong Marine team they were opposing came to bat in the final half of the inning. I think Liboon was hurling and was going strong. The Old Master weakened momentarily and a Marine singled to center. No outs. With the head of the Marine line-up coming up it didn't augur so well for the home boys.

Crafty Liboon, however, eased the situation by picking off the gent on first when that worthy took a daring lead. Liboon whiffed the next batter and the Amat-

eurs fans breathed easier. But the next hitter took a fancy to one of Liboon's offerings and sent it hurtling through space to the tune of a clean three-base poke.

Thus we have a man on the third sack and a heavy hitter at bat. One of those situations that make baseball the thrilling and exciting sport it is.

The batter swung lustily at the first ball pitched, touched it and the sphere went sailing high in the air and toward the grandstand. Young Kabbert doffed his masked and raced for the ball. At top speed he crashed into the grandstand, but his outstretched glove garnered the apple and retired the side. Buster, fortunately, escaped serious injury but was bruised and badly shaken up. That daring catch ended the old ball game.



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BASEBALL

H.B. DEFEAT THE MINDANAO
IN A ONE-SIDED TUSSLEPortugal Competing
In Charity Tourney

By "Grandstand"

DESPITE THE threatening weather all three League tilts scheduled for last week-end were played off in good order. The U.S.S. Ashville-Portugal game was called off in the third frame on account of rain, when the score was 4-0 in favour of Portugal. Eddie Gosano's round-tripper featured the four inning encounter.

Three big cheers for Royal Engineers, who took South China to town on Saturday to the tune of 7-1. This victory gave the Sappers a chance of tying with South China for the cellar position, but Nam Hwa came back strongly on Sunday to trounce Hong Kong Baseball Club and once again leave the Sappers by themselves at the bottom of the League ladder.

The Engineers played a much better game than they did at any time during the season and hurler George Denyer exceeded his usual form by striking out no fewer than seven Nam Hwas against Lau's and Pau's two whiffs apiece. The Fortress R.E.'s outthit the opposition 7-5 and their fielders went great guns on the field committing only two bobbles to the enemy's seven.

Strange Job

Harry Chin, who usually works behind the plate and not on the mound, started on the firing line for South China, and walked the first two batters, Ings and Honest Tom Fox. Both scored on a passed ball and a wild heave by backstop Szeto Bick. Lau Po-yiu then took over mound duty and held the Sappers to two runs and three hits till the fifth, when he was yanked after Heath doubled to score Ings. Pau took over the assignment with one away in the fifth and made short work of Harper and Taylor in this frame. The sixth was disastrous for flinger Pau. The Sappers ganged up on him with the willow wand and counted thrice on four solid blows, including a double by George Denyer.

South China did not score until the fifth when three runs crossed the plate on two hits. Szeto Bick struck out for the first out. Lau walked and was followed by Pau, who singled to right field. C. W. Wong rapped a red hot single to centre field and the bases were loaded. Yip fled to left field for the second put-out in the inning. George Denyer had difficulty in finding the plate and walked Ng and forced Lau to score. Denyer was in a hole then and appeared jittery. I. C. Wong also served a pass to first and Pau counted. Cecil Winglee grounded to shortstop but Foley fumbled and Wong scored on the play. Ha grounded to the windy alley and this time Foley made sure of the throw to retire the inning. South China's other run came in the last frame when Wilcox muffed a fly off Yip's bat and was chased in by Cecil Winglee's hit to left field.

R. H. E.
R. Engineers 3 0 0 1 3 x-7 2
South China 0 0 0 0 3 1-4 5 7

Sunday's Games

With every seat and all standing room taken up at Caroline Hill on Sunday morning Hong Kong Brewers proved once more their real mettle to demonstrate to their followers that they are still the champions who copped the pennant last year under the banner of Union Brewery.

Although Hong Kong Brewers were favoured to take Mindanao for a ride in a close battle, the most ardent supporter of the Wingleemen did not expect that the H.B. squad would take the American bluejackets in an overwhelming 11-3 count.

There was no doubt in everybody's mind that Hong Kong Brewery had the best team on the field and they well deserved their win. Bad News Ski Powlawski, who established a new record with 10 strike outs in seven innings against South China, was humbled by the H.B. power-houses who knocked Ski for nine hits before he was yanked in the sixth. Both teams played heads up ball with Mindanao booting once and H.B. twice.

Madeen Arculli's steady pitching once more carried his team to victory and he was not thinking of his strike-out average. He was content, and wisely, to work on each batter without sacrificing control and left the rest to his fielders who were on their toes all the time, notably "Showboat" Ali at left field where the Chasemen did not get any hits on flies.

The "Showboat" went after everything within sprinting distance and was responsible for three put-outs in the left pastures. The tilt started off with Hong Kong Brewery batting first. George Souza was the lead off man and worked the pitcher for a pass before Ski could settle down. Ali followed with a drive to the first base line and the pellet went for a hit to advance Souza to third. Stan Leonard sacrificed a long fly to centre field and Souza counted after the catch, and Ali advance to the hot corner. Dave Leonard grounded to shortstop Badrick and Ali crossed the pan on the play. Joe Bowen, who appeared anxious to hit a homer, fanned the breeze to retire the chapter.

A Comeback

H.B. were blanked in the next two cantos, but came back strongly in the fourth to annex three more runs on three hits. Joe Bowen started the stanza with his first double of the day. Obeor Arculli connected for a single and placed Bowen in scoring position. Zinho Gosano singled to right field to chase in Joe Bowen. Harold Winglee struck out and Madeen Arculli was passed. George Souza sacrificed a fly to right field to score Gosano while Obeor Arculli romped home on a passed ball. Ali popped to shortstop to end the inning. Two more runs on three hits in the fifth and four more tallies in the sixth on the same number of hits salted the game for the Brewers.

Mindanao did not score till the third when Red Todd counted on Stan Leonard's error at the initial sack and a hit by Highpockets Wilson. Two more runs in the fifth were all the Chasemen could push across in the remaining four innings. Douglas was issued a free ticket to first and was brought home on Muddy Ruel's circuit clout to right field. Joe Bowen had difficulty in finding the old apple and by the time the ball was thrown back Crooner Ruel had crossed the plate and was seated in the dug-out.

Besides Ruel's homer, other long hits of the fray were a triple by George Souza, and two doubles by Joe Bowen. Bowen topped the batting averages of the tilt with three hits in four times up including two doubles and Obeor Arculli's three singles in four trips to the plate took second honours.

R. H. E.
H.K. Brewers 2 0 0 3 2 4 0-11 11 2
Mindanao 0 0 1 0 2 0 0-3 4 1

Wooden Spoon Avoided

By giving the Hong Kong Baseball Club a 10-7 spanking in the second game of triple bill on Sunday, South China saw that they would not be leading from the wrong end of the League table. The Molthenmen were without the services of their regular pitchers, and Tony Alves was moved from shortstop to the slab. Although Tony limited South China

CRICKET LEAGUE
ABANDONMENT
REPORT DENIED

In an adjacent column in today's issue, will be found the following reference to the coming cricket season by our Army correspondent.

He says: "Army circles have learned that the Civilian Cricket League is unlikely to be run this year."

In an interview this morning, Mr. A. H. Madar, Hon. Secretary of the Cricket League said: "There is no reason at this juncture to believe that the League will be abandoned. In fact it is more than possible that the League will be able to proceed this season with even less interruption than last season, having regard to present Volunteer training arrangements."

to eight hits, while his teammates hammered Lau for 10, the breaks were against the Hongkongites. Both teams played on even terms, booting four apiece.

South China opened the struggle with four counters in the first frame. The Clubbers were blanked in the same inning. With the score 9-5 in favour of Nam Hwa at the beginning of the fifth it looked as if the Molthenmen would come from behind when they tallied four times in the fifth, but South China added one more tally in the sixth, while the Red-legs could only garner two runs in the last frame to be left three counts in arrears.

Only long hit of the game was Chuck Waggoner's Ruthian clout in the sixth to bring in Tony Alves ahead of him.

R. H. E.

South China 4 1 1 3 0 1 x-10 8 4
H.K.B.C. 0 1 1 0 3 4 2-7 10 4

League Standing

	W.	L.	Pct.
Mindanao	8	2	.600
Hong Kong Brewery	7	2	.777
Chung Hwa	6	4	.600
South China	3	6	.333
H.K. Baseball Club	3	7	.300
Royal Engineers	2	8	.200

American Baseball
Results

The following were results of games played in the major American Baseball Leagues yesterday:

National League: Cincinnati 6 New York 3; St. Louis 13 Boston 1; Brooklyn 5 Philadelphia 7.
American League: New York 8 Detroit 6; Philadelphia 1 Chicago 3.—Reuter.

CRICKET

A LITTLE
HISTORY

Kenneth Farnes, the Essex and England fast bowler, has recently written a cricket book, "Tours and Tests" (R.T.S.-Lutterworth Press, 6s.). It makes light and easy reading, an acceptable thing just now, writes the cricket correspondent of the London "Observer."

In an early chapter he relates how an excited schoolmaster told that he had a natural leg-break action; but it was in his more familiar role that, when still a boy, he struck an opposing vicar "resoundingly on his shining dome as he stooped to cut. No head-byes were run, however, and the batsman merely waved cheerfully and carried on." Militant Farnes, after a chapter on his

ARMY SPORTLIGHT

By "SQUADDY"

If the present atmosphere still prevails when the football season opens it will be a bad year for Army teams, for many units have intimated that they do not like the way this game is run in the Colony and would prefer not to play! This, together with the added interest in Rugby and Cricket, should rob many teams of their best players. Royal

Football

Scots only intend entering two teams, and Middlesex one, and although the Service Corps are entering two teams, their best players have abandoned the game to play cricket. Hong Kong Signals can only enter one team as their personnel have too many duties to perform. The Artillery may enter a combined team in Division I, and as such players as Guy, Brown, Halpin, Owens and Atkins will be playing for them, their respective battery teams will be sadly depleted.

It is hoped that the Football meeting to be held next week will straighten out matters satisfactorily. All Army circles are very indignant about the Football Council's decision not to allow a representative of the Junior army teams on the council. Surely the "underdogs," who provide 80% of the players in the football Leagues, should have some say in the matter.

It has been whispered that steps are going to be taken to select an Army team at the opening of the season, and that this team is to be trained and managed by the Sports Board. If this actually comes into being the Chinese teams who ran away with all major honours had better look out!

ARMY circles have learned that the Civilian Cricket League is unlikely to be run this year and so are taking steps to make Army cricket self-contained. To this end various training grounds and practice nets are to be erected. An Army

Cricket

League is to be formed and all units in the colony are to compete. If grounds at Sham-shuipo, Stanley and Sookunpoo are used it should relieve the congestion somewhat, and a very interesting season should result. Cricket is the one game where a small unit, such as the Signals or Service Corps, can turn out a team equally as good as any of the large units such as Engineers or Middlesex. It is a pity that the Scots cannot be persuaded to play this great game, as they would be certain to raise the standard of Army cricket.

IN spite of the new swimming bath in Victoria barracks the army swimming enthusiasts have not yet gone into training and a game of water polo is rarely seen. The authorities can only be

Swimming

blamed for this as the bath has been open since the beginning of May and still we have no polo nets.

NOTHING has yet been heard from units regarding the proposed Army League. I would be grateful if anybody who is willing to attempt to form this League would communicate with me and I will be only too pleased to let him have all the support I can. Together we might even be able to raise a League Trophy.

Table Tennis

anybody who is willing to attempt to form this League would communicate with me and I will be only too pleased to let him have all the support I can. Together we might even be able to raise a League Trophy.



IN DARKEST HAMPSHIRE

"Is my bath ready, Hawkins?"

"Not quite, Sir. They're just darning it."

"A gesture of old world courtesy, no doubt, but was it really necessary?"

"Very necessary indeed, Sir, as it happens to be a hip-bath which has lain some years in the coach-house. His Lordship rarely entertains."

"His Lordship's notions of hospitality are not of this century. He seemed to think he had a sacred duty to lay me low beneath the table. I marvel that I'm here to tell the tale."

"Yet in some ways His Lordship is

well ahead of modern thought. This bottle of Row's Lime Juice, Sir, in your room."

"Placed there by His Lordship's own hand, Hawkins. And a very refreshing drink following upon a one-sided battle with his Lordship's decamers."

"Yes, Sir, and Row's has still further virtues. It is justly renowned for annihilating the after-effects of alcohol, vulgarly known as 'mornings after.'"

"So that's why I'm still alive and kicking? Well, well, one lives and learns. Go and boil the kettle for my bath. I don't want to miss my breakfast."

DAYLIGHT RAIDS

R.A.F. Attacks Supply Ships and Barges

17 PLANES DOWNED IN 30 MINUTES

COMMENTING ON THE GERMAN HIGH COMMAND COMMUNIQUE STATEMENT THAT THREE RAIDING AEROPLANES WERE BROUGHT DOWN IN THE RAID ON DOVER WHILE "TWELVE BRITISH PLANES OF THE SPITFIRE TYPE AND THREE OF THE HURRICANE TYPE" WERE SHOT DOWN, AUTHORITY QUARTERS IN LONDON SAY IT IS BECOMING INCREASINGLY CLEAR THAT GERMANY'S EXAGGERATED AIR CLAIMS ARE INTENDED TO BOLSTER UP NOT ONLY CIVILIAN MORALE BUT ALSO THAT OF GERMAN PILOTS.

The speedy loss of 17 out of about 80 machines within half an hour must have dealt a serious blow to the nerve of the pilots engaged in the unsuccessful raid over Dover during which only one British machine was lost.

This is borne out by the recent revelation by a captured enemy airman that German pilots have demanded the provision of Red Cross planes to pick them up if they are shot down.

As announced by the British Government these Red Cross planes do not confine themselves to legitimate work of rescue which in fact is unnecessary because it is already adequately performed by the R.A.F. working in conjunction with both the Navy and merchant ships in the vicinity.—British Wireless.

BRITISH RAID NEAR COPENHAGEN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

A report from Stockholm states that British aircraft raided the Copenhagen area on Monday night. Six British planes bombed the aerodrome and two are claimed to have been brought down by anti-aircraft fire.—Havas.

MANCHURIA FREIGHT NOT INCREASED

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The board of directors of the South Manchuria Railway have decided not to raise freight charges although such an increase was previously planned. The directors have also studied various measures to increase the company's revenue and cut down expenditure which has increased considerably lately.—Havas.

MEXICAN DETAINED AS VAGRANT

A 31-year-old Mexican was sent to the House of Detention by Mr. R. Edwards this morning, when convicted of vagrancy. The accused, Ramon Rangel, has been in the Colony for several days without employment.

Hamburg And Emden Visited

AN AIR MINISTRY communique says our bombers made daylight raids over a widespread area in Germany and the Low Countries.

A large supply ship was damaged near Flushing, and barges and other vessels were hit at Emden and Hamburg and off the island of Terschelling.

An oil refinery in the Ruhr was bombed and attacks were made on several aerodromes in Germany and Holland. One of our bombers was lost.

During the night, although conditions of visibility were poor, a large number of our bombers penetrated enemy territory.

Twenty-four of our aircraft, however, were unable to locate the targets assigned them and returned without dropping bombs.

The remainder attacked targets in north-west Germany, the Ruhr and the Low Countries, including oil refineries, shipping, docks, aerodromes and road and rail communications. None of our aircraft were lost in any of these operations.—Reuter.

21 Destroyed

Full reports of Monday's air encounters around our coasts show that a total of 21 enemy aircraft were destroyed; two of our fighter pilots are missing.

Yesterday, although enemy activity was restricted, two enemy bombers and one enemy fighter were destroyed.—Reuter.

NEW CLIPPER H.K.-BOUND

Making its first trans-Pacific trip to Hong Kong, the 42-ton giant "American Clipper," a six months' veteran of the trans-Atlantic air service, hopped off from San Francisco this morning.

The "American Clipper" is a sister-ship to the California and Honolulu Clippers and is well known on the Atlantic, having carried the first consignment of Red Cross materials from the United States to Europe during the present war.

Two weeks ago the "American Clipper" inaugurated the first mail flight of the new South Pacific air service between San Francisco and Auckland, New Zealand. Returning from Auckland five days ago, this Clipper is again having new lands pass under her wings. She is scheduled to arrive in Hong Kong on Tuesday, August 6, and will depart the following morning for Manila and San Francisco.

KOWLOON TONG BURGLAR

The residences of the Rev. H. D. Rosenthal, No. 2, Derby Road and of Mr. McDonald, No. 127, Boundary Street, were recently burgled by Tsang Kwong-wo, 35, it was disclosed this morning before Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon when accused was charged with theft from three dwellings, including No. 5, Gramplan Road.

Accused was alleged to have stolen a trunk, containing linen and clothing, from the Rev. Rosenthal's house yesterday; a suit case, containing clothing; and medals, from Gramplan Road on July 17; and 13 pieces of clothing from Mr. McDonald's residence on July 20.

In connection with the case, Tang Fun, 29, widow, was accused of receiving stolen property. At the request of Det.-Sgt. Dowman, the cases were adjourned for three days.

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STOP PRESS

The Japanese Embassy in Washington has issued a statement categorically denying the truth of a press message from Hong Kong which stated that the Chungking Government has rejected Japanese peace overtures. The Embassy declared that there has been no offer of peace, either on the terms reported from Hong Kong or on any other terms.—Reuter.

The bridge at Tai Lam Chung near the 16-mile post on Castle Peak Road which collapsed early yesterday morning was repaired overnight.

Traffic has been resumed over that area since 7 a.m. to-day.

Mr. Sumner Welles discloses that the U.S. Government has agreed to accept M. Henri Haye, Mayor of Versailles, as French Ambassador to Washington in place of the Comte de Saint Quentin who has been recalled by the Petain Government.—Reuter.

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